

Questions

1. What is the probable origin of Halloween?

2. Why were masks originally worn during the All Hallow's Eve period?

3. What was 'guising' or 'mumming'?

4. Who was the Lair Bhan?

5. What happens on 'Punkie Night'?

6. What do children in Mexico say instead of 'trick or treat'?

7. What is 'Trunk or Treat'?

8. Give one reason for soul-cakes being given.

9. Why was Halloween known as 'Cabbage Night' in some American cities?

10. Explain one literary association with 'trick or treat'.

Extension:

Research one of the worldwide traditions that is similar to our trick-or-treating at Halloween. You might choose St. Martin's Day, Rummelpott, the New Year's traditions in northern Europe or something else you know of. Create a fact file about the event.

Imagine that you have been asked to take a young relative out for trick-or-treating. What happens when you take them out to collect sweets with their friends? What costumes do you wear? Write out your imagined experience as a script.

Halloween and trick-or-treating is a multi-million-dollar industry in the United States. Every year, new and interesting decorations and sweets are introduced to take advantage of people's love of Halloween. Design a product for use during the event and present your idea to the class.