

Top 75 Halloween Trivia Questions

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Classic

1. Where does the term "Halloween" come from? _____
2. What ancient Celtic festival is Halloween rooted in? _____
3. Which First Lady first decorated the White House for Halloween?

4. What country started the tradition of carving pumpkins? _____
5. True or False: Halloween was originally a pagan holiday. _____
6. What is the name of the legend associated with the jack-o'-lantern?

7. What do people traditionally bob for at Halloween parties?

8. In what year did Halloween fall on a Sunday? _____
9. Which U.S. state produces the most pumpkins? _____

Movies

10. Which 1978 horror movie was set in Haddonfield, Illinois?

11. Who directed the classic 1960 film Psycho? _____
12. Which horror movie features a haunted doll named Annabelle?

13. What is the highest-grossing horror film of all time? _____
14. What was the original name of Michael Jackson's "Thriller"?

15. What horror film features the song "Tiptoe Through the Tulips"?

16. In what year was the original Nightmare on Elm Street released?

17. Which horror movie villain has a signature hockey mask?

Candy

18. Which candy is considered the most popular during Halloween in the U.S.?

19. How many pounds of candy corn are produced annually?

20. What candy bar was introduced in 1930 and remains a favorite?

21. Which candy was initially called "Chicken Feed"? _____

22. What Halloween candy has a connection to a U.S. military ration during WWII?

23. What is the least popular Halloween candy in the U.S.? _____

24. What was the original flavor of Swedish Fish? _____

25. How many calories are in the average trick-or-treater's candy haul?

Costumes & Trick-or-Treat

26. What is the most popular Halloween costume for adults?

27. How many pet costumes are sold for Halloween each year in the U.S.?

28. In what state is it illegal to dress up as a priest or nun on Halloween?

29. What was the most popular costume for children in 2020?

30. What costume is the most popular for pets on Halloween?

31. What was the practice of going door to door asking for treats in exchange for prayers called?

32. When did trick-or-treating become popular in the U.S.? _____

33. Where was the term "trick or treat" first used? _____

34. What percentage of U.S. households give out candy on Halloween?

35. What day of the week is Halloween most likely to fall on?

Famous Figures

36. What does 'Dracula' mean in Romanian? _____

37. Which famous magician passed away on Halloween? _____

38. What monster is often mistakenly called Frankenstein? _____

39. Which 1931 actor played Dracula in the original Dracula film?

40. Who is known as the "Mother of Modern Witchcraft"? _____

Pumpkins & Jack-o'-Lanterns

41. What was initially used to make jack-o'-lanterns before pumpkins?

42. How much did the heaviest jack-o'-lantern weigh? _____

43. What mythological figure is associated with the jack-o'-lantern?

44. How many pounds of pumpkins are harvested in the U.S. each year?

45. What vegetable was used in the original jack-o'-lanterns in Ireland?

46. What was the first vegetable used to carve jack-o'-lanterns?

47. What is the world record for the biggest pumpkin ever grown?

48. What color were pumpkins before they became the traditional orange?

49. What is the most popular pumpkin variety used for Halloween carving?

50. How many seeds are in an average pumpkin? _____

Music & Superstitions

51. Who sang the famous Halloween song "Monster Mash"?

52. Which song features a famous dance scene with zombies?

53. What classic horror movie inspired the "Thriller" music video?

54. In what year was "Thriller" released? _____

55. What Halloween song mentions a "graveyard smash"? _____

56. What animal is commonly associated with witches? _____

57. What happens if you see a spider on Halloween? _____

58. What does it mean if you hear footsteps behind you on Halloween night?

59. What is believed to happen if you wear your clothes inside out on Halloween?

60. Why are bonfires part of traditional Halloween celebrations?

61. True or False: Witches were thought to turn into black cats.

62. In which country is Halloween also known as "All Hallows' Eve"?

History & Around the World

63. What ancient festival did Halloween originate from? _____

64. Why did people initially wear costumes on Halloween? _____

65. What is the origin of the word "bonfire"? _____

66. When did "All Hallows' Eve" first appear in written language?

67. Which country is credited with originating Halloween traditions?

68. When did Halloween first start being celebrated in the United States?

69. What Christian holiday follows Halloween? _____

70. Which European city hosts the largest Halloween celebration?

71. What is Halloween called in Mexico? _____

72. What country celebrates by carving radishes instead of pumpkins?

73. What festival is celebrated in Spain on Halloween? _____

74. Which Asian country has a similar holiday called "Obon"?

75. In which country do children dress as witches and go door to door for candy?

Answer Key

Classic

1. It originates from "All Hallows' Eve."
2. Samhain.
3. Mamie Eisenhower in 1958.
4. Ireland.
5. True.
6. Stingy Jack.
7. Apples.
8. 2021.
9. Illinois.

Movies

10. Halloween.
11. Alfred Hitchcock.
12. The Conjuring.
13. It (2017).
14. "Starlight."
15. Insidious.
16. 1984.
17. Jason Voorhees (Friday the 13th).

Candy

18. Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.
19. 35 million pounds.
20. Snickers.
21. Candy corn.
22. Tootsie Rolls.
23. Circus Peanuts.
24. Raspberry.
25. About 11,000.

Costumes & Trick-or-Treat

26. Witches.
27. 29 million.
28. Alabama.
29. Princess.

- 30. Pumpkin.
- 31. Souling.
- 32. The 1920s — widespread by the 1950s.
- 33. Canada.
- 34. 70%.
- 35. Saturday.

Famous Figures

- 36. It can mean either the devil or a dragon.
- 37. Harry Houdini.
- 38. Frankenstein's monster — Frankenstein is the creator.
- 39. Bela Lugosi.
- 40. Geraldine Gardner.

Pumpkins & Jack-o'-Lanterns

- 41. Turnips and potatoes.
- 42. 1,810.5 pounds.
- 43. Stingy Jack.
- 44. 1.5 billion pounds.
- 45. Turnips.
- 46. Turnips.
- 47. 2,702 pounds.
- 48. Initially yellow and green.
- 49. Connecticut Field pumpkin.
- 50. About 500 seeds.

Music & Superstitions

- 51. Bobby "Boris" Pickett.
- 52. "Thriller."
- 53. An American Werewolf in London.
- 54. 1982.
- 55. "Monster Mash."
- 56. Black cats.
- 57. It's believed to be the spirit of a loved one watching over you.
- 58. Legend says it could be a spirit following you.
- 59. You will see a witch at midnight.
- 60. They were believed to ward off evil spirits.
- 61. True.
- 62. Ireland.

History & Around the World

- 63. Samhain.
- 64. To ward off ghosts and evil spirits.
- 65. From "bone fire" — bones were burned to ward off spirits.
- 66. In 1786.
- 67. Ireland.
- 68. The mid-1800s, brought by Irish immigrants.
- 69. All Saints' Day.
- 70. Derry, Northern Ireland.
- 71. Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead).
- 72. Mexico — the "Night of the Radishes."
- 73. Noite dos Calacús (Night of the Pumpkins).
- 74. Japan.
- 75. Finland.

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