



# THE ROOTS OF HALLOWEEN

## The Origins of Halloween

The history of Halloween can be traced back 2,000 years to the ancient pagan festival of Samhain, celebrated by the Celts. The Celts believed that Samhain was the day when the barrier between the world of the living and the spirit world blurred, allowing the spirits of the dead to return. The festival was typically celebrated on or near what is now November 1st, a date that marked the start of winter and a significant change in the year. To celebrate, Celts would engage in activities such as building huge bonfires, wearing costumes, and storytelling. The popularity of this celebration eventually spread across Europe.

In the 7th century, Pope Boniface IV shifted All Saints' Day from spring to November 1st. Consequently, the pagan festival was moved to October 31st and became known as the Hallowed Evening - the evening before a holy day. This name was eventually shortened to Hallowe'en or simply Halloween.

## The Roots of Iconic Traditions

**Carving Pumpkins** evolved from an older tradition popular in Ireland. Hundreds of years ago, people made Jack-O'-Lanterns by carving spooky faces into root vegetable lanterns to scare away a spirit known as Stingy Jack. When millions of Irish people emigrated to the United States, they brought this tradition with them. They soon found that carving a pumpkin, a common US vegetable, was much easier than using root vegetables like turnips.

**Trick-or-treating** finds its roots hundreds of years ago in medieval England with the practice of "souling." People would go door to door on All Saints' Day, which was when Christians traditionally prayed for their loved ones, offering a prayer or a song in exchange for food. In the Victorian era, the food often given was a type of pastry called a soul cake. Only in modern times has that tradition evolved into the exchange of sweets and chocolate.

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Przetłumacz na język angielski podane w nawiasach.

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