

Halloween Activities

VIDEO – “Halloween History” –National Geographic Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-VRAemlvbl>

- 1) Students watch the video and then order the sentences below.

	By the late thirties “Trick or Treat” became a holiday greeting.
	But over the years the tradition of harmless tricks, grew into outright vandalism.
	The holiday came to America with the wave of Irish immigrants during the potato famine in the 1840s.
	“Back in the nineteen thirties, it really became a dangerous holiday.”
1	It all began with the Celts, a people whose culture had spread across Europe more than two thousand years ago
	Immigrants brought their customs with them such as bobbing for apples and playing tricks on neighbours

- 2) Are the following statements **true** or **false**:

Neighbours began giving treats to stop trouble making.	T
The pranksters did not use a mask so they were very easily recognized.	
October 31 st was the day they celebrated the beginning of the harvest season.	
All Saints Day was known then as Hallowmas	
Back in the thirties Halloween wasn't a dangerous holiday	
On Samhain, the villagers gathered and lit huge bonfires to drive the dead back to the spirit world	

3) Match these words with their definitions.

Hooligan - Prankster - Celts - Bonfire - pagan ritual - ghost

	a large outdoor fire, either for burning waste or for a party
	the spirit of a dead person
	a ceremony that does not belong to any of the main religions of the world, and may come from a time before these religions
	a member of a race of people who lived in ancient Britain and Western Europe before the Romans came
	a noisy violent person who causes trouble by fighting
	someone who plays tricks on people to make them look silly