BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW:
HALLOWEEN

Complete the sentences with the missing information:

1. When most people think of Halloween they think of _____, _____, _____, and other family-friendly activities.

2. It all goes back some _____ years to the ancient Celtic festival known as Samhain celebrated on _____.

3. On the night before Samhain, people believed that the _____ returned as _____.

4. They would leave _____ and _____ on their doorstep to keep roaming spirits at bay.

5. The Christian church turned Samhain into _____ or all hallows.

6. The night before became all hallow's eve later shortened to _____.

7. You've heard of trick-or-treating on Halloween, but what about _____ or _____.

8. All three of these traditions originated in _____.

9. On All Souls' Day, the needy would beg for pastries known as _____. In return they would pray for people's dead relatives.

10. In the medieval Halloween tradition of guising, young people would dress up in _____ and accept _____, _____, _____ and other offerings in exchange for singing, reciting poetry or telling jokes.

11. In 19th century America Irish and Scottish immigrants revived these old traditions. The result was _____.

12. At first it was much more about the _____ in the form of pranks and hijinks, then the _____.

13. It wasn't until the _____'s that the custom took on its current family-friendly _____ form.

14. Today Halloween is big _____, with U.S. consumers spending more than 2.5 billion on costumes annually. Add in the candy, and it's estimated that Americans spend up to _____ on Halloween each year.

15. Making it the second most commercial holiday after _____.

