

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

