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Halloween Origins and Customs

History traces back to the ancient religion of the Celts in Ireland. The Celtic people were very conscious of their spiritual world and had their own ideas about how they could gain access to it. Celts priests or Druids who carried out the rituals generally performed them by offering sacrifices of crops, animals and sometimes humans, in order to pacify their gods. When Christianity spread through Europe replacing pagan customs, it also adopted ideas that could help reflect a more Christian worldview. Pope Boniface IV introduced All Saints' Day in the 7th century to honor Saints and martyrs, replacing the pagan festival of the dead. Numerous customs connected with pagan observances for the dead have survived to the present.

1) Halloween origins go back to the _____.

- A-) seventh century
- B-) spreading of Christianity
- C-) Christian Pope Boniface IV
- D-) Celts ancient religious celebrations

2) Sacrifices of animals and humans were offered to _____.

- A-) remember the dead
- B-) keep a simple tradition
- C-) honor the Celtic priests
- D-) calm and please pagan gods

3) The Celtic influence began to disappear when _____.

- A-) Pope Boniface IV died
- B-) Christianity reached Celtic lands
- C-) the Druids started to make human sacrifices
- D-) pagans became very conscious of their spiritual world

4) Christianity tried to _____.

- A-) preserve Druid rituals
- B-) improve the festival of the dead
- C-) introduce a new meaning to the rituals
- D-) adopt every aspect of the Celtic religion