The Most popular Halloween symbols

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It is probably the most classic Halloween symbol. Its story goes back to ancient Ireland, where the Celts carved turnips and put an ember inside to scare evil spirits away. Soon people turned to a big orange fruit and got a name ' Jack –o- Lantern. The Irish legend says we carve a face on the fruit because of a drunk named Stingy Jack. He played many tricks in his lifetime, making God and the Devil so angry that they didn't accept him to Heaven or Hell after his death. Stingy Jack became a doomed soul, condemned to wander the earth forever. To light his way, the Devil gave him a lump of burning coal which he put inside a carved turnip.

When the holiday comes, almost every doorstep or window is decorated with this carved fruit. Although its original meaning has slightly changed, it's still one of the most common Halloween symbols.

The iconic silhouette of a bad woman against a background of the full moon is another classic Halloween symbol. This modern image includes a pointy hat, a hooked nose, and a long broomstick. But why do they represent Halloween?

In the Middle Ages, people believed some females had supernatural powers — that's why they were called witches, which meant "wise ones." At first, they were regarded as mighty healers, but later witchcraft became associated with black magic. For their ability to cast powerful spells, they were thought to draw their strengths from the Devil. They're believed to accumulate the most power in October, when the days become darker and the nights longer.

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Why are these small black creatures associated with Halloween? Well, what can be scarier than creatures living in a dark cave and only becoming active in the nighttime? Linked with evil and death, they have become one of the most recognizable symbols of the holiday. The creepy thing is that some of them actually drink the blood of other animals. That's why they are also closely connected to vampire symbols and stories.

These animals can be found all over Halloween background decorations. In many countries, their symbolism differs — for some, they are a sign of good luck, and for others, a sign of bad omens. Either way, they are shrouded with myths and superstitions! But why are they considered a Halloween symbol? In Medieval times people believed witches and evil magicians could turn themselves into these animals. Since they could easily hide in the dark, they were the perfect disguise for evil sorcerers that were being hunted. Moreover, some people used to believe they were wicked demons that concealed themselves as animals to spy on humans. Black colour is associated with the death.

They are the spirits of dead people who didn't get into Heaven or Hell; so, instead, they roam the living world. Since Halloween is a time when the worlds of life and death are least separated, people believe that they actively try to find their way out.

As spirits can freely wander around the living on Halloween night, they can visit their homes and loved ones. However, not all of them are nice and friendly, which is something we've seen plenty of in movies. Some of them will even haunt their enemies, which is also why they've become a perfect symbol for this spooky holiday.

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It's no surprise that there are an abundant amount of these dolls in October. They were meant to instill fear in outlanders and frighten them away from fields during harvest season. After the gathering of crops ended, people usually burned them in celebration rituals. Later, their ashes were returned to the soil as a symbol of the resurrection of the crops. In today's culture, they have lost their original purpose and meaning, but they still spread mystery and fear during Halloween. People usually dress them in dirty old clothes with pumpkins as heads, or choose spookier costumes with skulls and blood. They're bound to terrify anyone who passes by.

In ancient times, these insects were a symbol of mystery and magic. Because of their natural ability to spin webs, they were considered weavers of fate that could predict death. How did they become symbols for Halloween? Well, there are several reasons for that. Like black cats, they are also associated with witchcraft, and like bats, they live in dark, creepy, and abandoned places. Now, add the fact that they are visually terrifying, with bites so bad that they can kill. No wonder people tend to be afraid of them!

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