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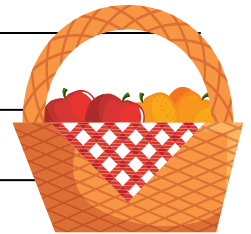


Boo!

1. We took a time machine back 2,000 years to hear about the beginnings of Halloween. To whose lands did the time machine travel?

- To Native American lands—everyone knows Halloween is an American holiday.
- To the lands of the ancient Celts, whose Samhain festival morphed into Halloween.
- To the Romans, who later conquered Ireland and Scotland.

2. Look at the pictures to help remind yourself what "mumming and guising" was in the 16th century. What is it similar to today?



3. A dog trainer called Louise Glazebrook told *The Guardian* newspaper that costumes were okay, as long as "a dog should always be allowed to be a dog. A costume with a hood will cause stress and therefore change the dog's behaviour and should be avoided. The other thing is to watch out for the material – a dog is going to get really hot in polyester or nylon."

What do you think Louise would say about this costume?





4. Would you dress up your pet (or a pet you were looking after) in a Halloween costume? Why or why not?



5. Which Halloween tradition comes from the Irish legend of Stingy Jack?



6. Imagine that a friendly alien arrived on Earth on October 31 and asked you to tell them

- what Halloween is, exactly
- whether you think it is a good holiday.

What would you say?

