

Halloween GymKhana

Listening Comprehension Quiz – National Geographic

- 1) Which ancient culture began the Pagan festival which predated Halloween?
- 2) What customs did the Pagan villagers perform to celebrate their holiday?
- 3) When did the Catholic Church create the holiday All Saints Day?
- 4) What was All Saints Day meant to celebrate?
- 5) How and when did Halloween come to America?
- 6) What were some of the Irish Halloween traditions?
- 7) Why did they wear masks?
- 8) When and how did the tradition of “Trick or treating” door to door begin?

Answers:

- 1) The Celts
- 2) Light Bonfires to keep the dead away
- 3) 7th century
- 4) Honor martyrs and the deceased faithful
- 5) Irish immigrants during the potato famine of the 1840's
- 6) Bobbing for apples, and playing pranks such as removing gates from houses
- 7) To hide their faces while they played pranks
- 8) In the 1930's, as an alternative to stop vandalism and pranks