

# Halloween



# What is halloween?

- Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31, and Halloween 2019 occurred on Thursday, October 31.
- Began 2,000 years ago as the ancient Celtic festival Samhain(Sow-heen),End of the summer.



# The history of halloween

- The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of **Samhain**, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints.
- Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain.
- The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats.



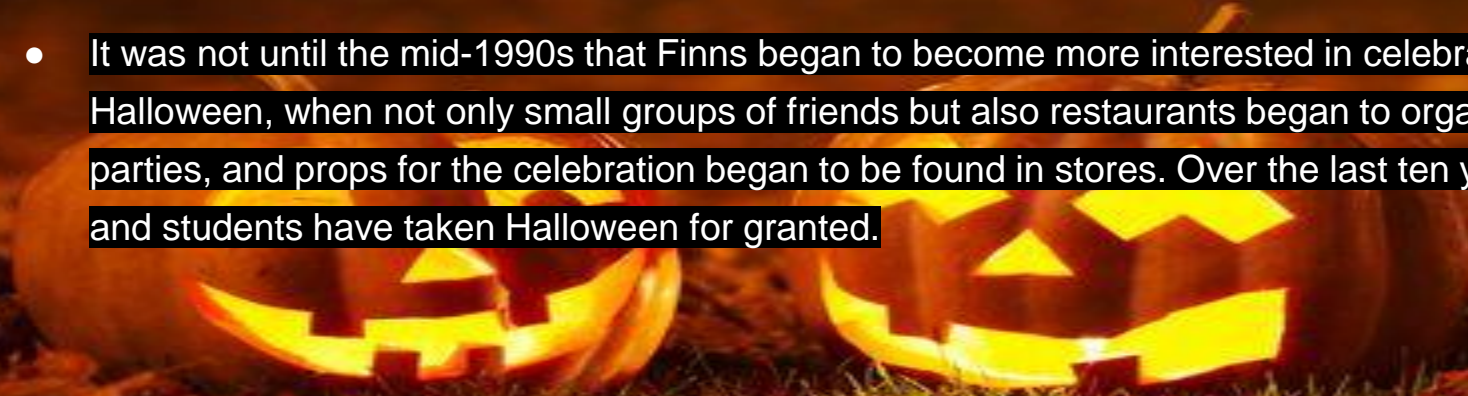
# History -Samhain

- Samhain, or samain, is a celebration of ancient Celtic halloween. The name "samain" probably comes from the words end of summer (samrad) (fain) and was a celebration of the summer season and the end of the harvest, which was celebrated in October-November. The Samhain celebration could last for a couple of weeks.
- According to Celtic beliefs, the boundaries between this world and the afterlife disappeared during the samain, and spirits might try to lure people into the afterlife. Therefore, during the celebration, a bonfire was burned in the vicinity of the settlements because the fires were believed to provide protection against the attacks of spirits. The turnip candles were also hollowed out and burned to scare the dead and leave people alone.



# When halloween came to Finland

- Halloween began to come to Finland gradually in the 1980s. It was first introduced by exchange students who came behind the Atlantic, and cartoons and films from North America and other cultural products. At that time, however, Halloween was not as popular as Valentine's Day
- It was not until the mid-1990s that Finns began to become more interested in celebrating Halloween, when not only small groups of friends but also restaurants began to organize their own parties, and props for the celebration began to be found in stores. Over the last ten years, children and students have taken Halloween for granted.



# How we know halloween in Finland?

- Halloween has long been celebrated in Europe in Anglo-Saxon countries influenced by Celtic tradition, such as England, Scotland and Ireland. In Finland, for example, the celebration is known above all in its American form.
- Halloween is not in the Finnish almanac. However, that doesn't stop you from celebrating Halloween. In Finland, Halloween can be celebrated at several times, either in the American way on the last day of October or on the eve of Saint Day.
- In Finland, the time of the Saints Day changes every year. It will be celebrated on October 31st. and November 6.11. Saturday.



# Trick or treat

- As Halloween celebration spread from Ireland to the United States in the 19th century, a fun tradition of children pranking adults was spreading, and today it is a popular part of Halloween. Children dress up in fun outfits and beg for candy by knocking on the door and shouting "candy or prank". If candy is left unattended, there is reason to be afraid of pranks, such as having children decorate the garden with toilet paper.
- In Finland this is not that common as in Usa.



# Jack o'Lanterns pumpkin tradition

- A **jack-o'-lantern** is a carved pumpkin, turnip, or other root vegetable lantern associated with Halloween. Its name comes from the phenomenon of a strange light flickering over peat bogs, called *will-o'-the-wisp* or *jack-o'-lantern*. The name is also tied to the Irish legend of Stingy Jack, a drunkard who bargains with Satan and is doomed to roam the Earth with only a hollowed turnip to light his way.
- Jack-o'-lanterns are a yearly Halloween tradition that came to the United States from Irish immigrants

