

Name: _____

Date: _____

1ST GRADE HALLOWEEN READING COMPREHENSION

Read the story. Then answer the question.

HOW HALLOWEEN BEGAN

Halloween began over 2,000 years ago with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced "sow-in"). People celebrated the end of the harvest and believed that on October 31, spirits could return to the world of the living.



Later, when Christianity spread, the Church named November 1 as All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day.

The night before became All Hallows' Eve, which we now call Halloween!

Today, Halloween is celebrated with costumes, trick-or-treating, and spooky decorations all around the world.

QUESTIONS:

1. What ancient festival did Halloween come from?

2. What date is Halloween celebrated on?

3. What is another name for All Saints' Day?

4. What do people do to celebrate Halloween today?

5. What did the Celts believe happened on October 31?

