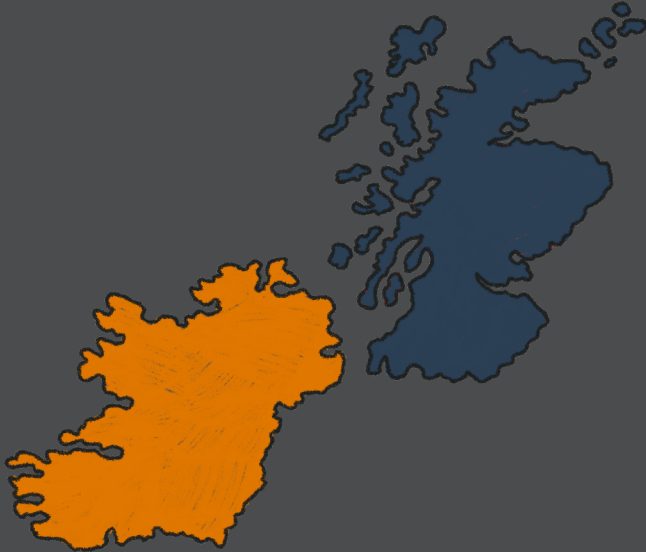


# Halloween History

Every year, lots of children across the United States dress up in costumes and go Trick-Or-Treating. The tradition of Halloween has been passed down from generation to generation for hundreds of years, but the way it's celebrated has changed since it first started thousands of years ago.

So how did all of these traditions begin?



**Halloween began 2000 years ago by the Celts in Ireland and Scotland. It was called Samhain!**

**They spent this day celebrating the harvest and the end of fall.**



**They dressed up in costumes to protect themselves from spirits.**

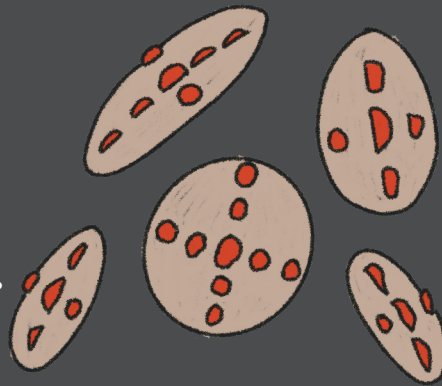
**They carved Jack-O-Lanterns out of beets, potatoes, and turnips!**





**They would leave food at their front doors to prevent spirits from coming inside.**

**As time went on, people stopped fearing the spirits, and began celebrating them. People also started doing door to door asking for soul cakes.**



**Eventually, children began going door to door asking for candy!**

**Children began dressing up in silly costumes as the holiday focused more on fun.**



**Today, children dress up as their favorite characters from books and movies!**

## **FAST FACTS**



The colors of Halloween are black and orange. Orange represents the harvest, and black represents the crops



Pumpkins are the most popular pet costume in the United States!



90% of parents steal at least one piece of Trick-Or-Treat candy from their children's candy pile.