

**SMART STUFF**

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**Directions:** Have fun honing multiple-choice test-taking skills. Divide the class into two teams to play Smart Stuff. Score 5 points for each correct answer. Or, use Smart Stuff as a research activity. Students may research categories in groups or individually.

**WORLD AND GEOGRAPHY**

- In which nation did modern Halloween practices originate?
  - Italy
  - Ireland
  - Spain
- The celebration of the dead that takes place two days after Halloween in Latin America is called what?
  - Cinco de Mayo
  - Asunción
  - Día de los muertos
- Which Australian landmark is a giant rocky monument that is believed to be inhabited by ancestral beings?
  - Great Barrier Reef
  - Bald Rock
  - Ayers Rock
- Where is the whaling ship *Charles W. Morgan*, rumored to be haunted by a 19th century crewman, docked?
  - Boston Harbor
  - Mystic Seaport
  - South Street Seaport
- Which cruise ship used in World War II is said to be haunted by at least 55 ghosts?
  - Titanic*
  - Hindenburg*
  - Queen Mary*

**HISTORY**

- Which assassinated president is said to roam the White House halls during times of political unrest?
  - James Garfield
  - John F. Kennedy
  - Abraham Lincoln
- Which founding father is said to haunt parts of Philadelphia?
  - Benjamin Franklin

- Thomas Jefferson
- John Adams

- Which English queen, who has reportedly been sighted in ghostly form more than 30,000 times, was accused of adultery and beheaded?
  - Anne Boleyn
  - Mary, Queen of Scots
  - Elizabeth I
- What do ghost stories claiming people have heard a voice calling, "I'm Mr. Burns" have to do with the White House?
  - Jeremiah Burns designed the White House.
  - David Burns gave the government the land the White House was built on.
  - George Burns was the first person to die on duty at the White House.
- Which master trickster died of peritonitis on Halloween in 1926?
  - Harry Houdini
  - David Copperfield
  - The Amazing Kreskin

**CULTURE AND SPORTS**

- Which organization gets the donations from the orange UNICEF boxes carried by some trick-or-treaters?
  - United Nations Children's Fund
  - Save the Children
  - Global Children's Organization
- Which term refers to parading in masks in the United Kingdom?
  - souling
  - mumming
  - howling
- Which holiday is not asso-

ciated with Halloween?

- Samhain
  - All Souls' Day
  - Diwali
- Which monster is believed to be based on the real-life antics of Prince Vlad Tepes of Walachia, near Transylvania?
    - Frankenstein
    - Dracula
    - Loch Ness
  - The Halloween Tree* is a 1972 fantasy novel by which American author?
    - Ray Bradbury
    - Stephen King
    - John Updike

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

- Pumpkins are believed to have originated on which continent?
  - Asia
  - Europe
  - North America
- What are hollowed-out pumpkins with eyes, a nose, and a mouth carved in called?
  - lanterns
  - jack-in-the-box
  - jack-o'-lanterns
- Although often associated with the Grim Reaper, which is the scythe used for?
  - scaring away intruders
  - harvesting wheat
  - cutting hedges
- Bats are which kind of animal?
  - reptiles
  - birds
  - mammals
- Why is dry ice, which simulates fog, considered "dry"?
  - It evaporates instantly.
  - It's frozen carbon dioxide.
  - It leaves only small puddles.