

Video: Halloween History (True or False)

Before watching a National Geographic video about Halloween (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-VRAemlvbl>) make sure that you know these words. Consult the dictionary:

- *Paganism* –
- *Pagan* –
- *'Bobbing for apples'* –



Now watch the video twice and decide whether the sentences below are True or False. If False, try to correct the sentence!

- 1) Halloween began with the Celts about two thousand years ago.
- 2) On October, 31st the Celts celebrated the beginning of the harvest season.
- 3) Samhain was a magical time when the ghosts of the dead walked the earth.
- 4) According to the expert, on Samhain the veil between death and life was the thickest.
- 5) On Samhain the villagers set the bonfires to attract the spirits of the dead.
- 6) In the 7th century, November, 1st was designated by the Catholic Church as All Saints' Day.
- 7) Both Samhain and All Saints' Day had something to do with afterlife.
- 8) The other name for All Saints' Day is Hallowmas.
- 9) Scottish immigrants brought Halloween to America.
- 10) Among the Halloween customs there are 'Bobbing for Apples' and 'Playing Tricks on Neighbors'.
- 11) Back in the 1930s Halloween was a very friendly and peaceful holiday.



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Keys

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- 11) Back in the 1930s Halloween was a very friendly and peaceful holiday. **False**