

<http://www.mrshea.com/germusa/customs/hallow.htm>

1. Where does Halloween come from? What does "Hallow-een" mean?

2. How did Halloween get to America?

3. Do Germans celebrate Halloween? How? What are the differences between German and American Halloween?. What costumes, foods and events are popular? View many of the links

1. The word Halloween is short for _____.
 2. What religious holiday is it the eve of? _____
 3. All Saint's Day (Herr Sheas Geburtstag natürlich) is a commemoration of the _____ faithful and family.
 4. Halloween is a combination of Christian and pre-Christian _____ customs.
 5. The _____ New Year began on _____, since it marked the end of _____.
 6. Around 800 AD this date became known as Allhallomass. Do you now who was crowned the First Holy Roman Emperor in 800 AD? In German his name is Karl der Grosse. We know him by the name Charle_____. His ascendancy marked the start of the Middle Ages and the developing Christianization and civilization of the non-Romanized barbaric tribes of Europe of the so-called Dark Ages.
 7. Halloween is also a seasonal celebration of a good _____. Thanksgiving really should be celebrated in the month of October as a celebration of this event.
 8. Jack-o-Lanterns were scooped out of _____ with _____-like faces. It follows the general principle of the mask and the gargoyle, both of which purportedly ward off evil and bad luck by their appearance.
 9. The mass immigration of the wonderful, magical, musical Irish (Noonan, Fitzgerald, Shea) or (for you Irish-haters) the mass invasion of the impoverished, brawling, lazy Irish helped bring Halloween customs after the year _____.
 10. In the popular imagination, witches hung out on the top of _____, making broom-travel necessary and practical.
 11. *Maifeuer* or May fires helped _____ witches. Monty Python skit – burn her, she's a witch!
 12. Trick or treating appeared after the year _____ is an American contribution sometimes promoting greed, gluttony and tooth decay.
 13. Germans aren't wild about having their privacy invaded by individuals of governments, but they do have similar door-to-door solicitation of food/candy during the season of _____ (Mardi Gras) and at New _____.
 14. Sternsänger or _____ often collect money for charity.
 15. Of the various pranks which you would never consider taking part in, which prank do you like the best and why? _____
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16. American-style Halloween (dress-up, food, parties) has been returned to Europe but without the custom of _____.

Look through some of the LINKS on my Halloween page.

17. LINK ONE – what group of Americans did Germans see celebrating Halloween?
18. LINK THREE – Photos of a pumpkin festival in Southern Germany- **click FEST then BILDER**. What is a *Kürbisbürgermeister*? Look it up at dict.cc
19. View other links.