

Halloween Quiz

Host a spooky Halloween pub quiz with ready-made questions and answers on monsters, myths, horror films and trick-or-treat traditions.

3 rounds · 28 questions

ROUND 1

Ancient Origins

1. **Modern Halloween traces its earliest roots back to which ancient pre-Christian Celtic festival?**

| **ANSWER** Samhain

NOTE Celts believed the barrier between our world and the spirit realm was at its thinnest during this time.

2. **Before pumpkins became the carving vegetable of choice, which root vegetable was traditionally carved into lanterns in Ireland and Scotland?**



| **ANSWER** Turnips

NOTE Immigrants switched to pumpkins in America because they offered more space for a face and were easier to find.

3. **Which medieval English custom involved going door to door on All Souls' Day offering prayers for the dead in return for food?**



| **ANSWER** Souling

NOTE Together with guising, souling is widely seen as an early ancestor of modern trick-or-treating.

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4. Which historic hill located in central Ireland is thought to be the site where Celtic priests gathered to light great ceremonial Samhain bonfires?



| ANSWER Hill of Ward (or Tlachtga)

NOTE Priests distributed embers from the central hill fire to households across the surrounding realm.

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5. Which UK party game, involving retrieving floating fruit using only one's teeth, predates modern Halloween celebrations?

| ANSWER Apple bobbing

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6. In Mexico, colonial-era contact between Indigenous ancestor celebrations and All Souls' Day helped form which holiday?

| ANSWER Día de Muertos (or Day of the Dead)

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7. Which popular Halloween symbol was historically regarded by sailors as a sign of good luck at sea?

| ANSWER Black cats

NOTE Though widely associated with bad luck or witches in folklore, sailors welcomed them on voyages.

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8. During which global conflict did the growing practice of trick-or-treating temporarily drop off in Canada?

| ANSWER World War II

NOTE The earliest known printed use of the phrase 'trick or treat' comes from Alberta, Canada, in 1927.

Horror on Screen

9. In the 1993 film *Hocus Pocus*, what specific act breaks Winifred's curse and resurrects the Sanderson sisters in Salem?

| ANSWER A virgin lighting a black-flame candle

NOTE The resurrected sisters make their return after an absence of three hundred years.

10. What is the name of the eight-year-old boy whom Laurie Strode babysits on Halloween night in the classic 1978 horror film?

| ANSWER Tommy Doyle

NOTE Young Tommy is actually the one who spots Michael outside and tries to warn Laurie that the boogeyman has arrived.

11. In the 1993 stop-motion classic *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, what prestigious royal title is held by Jack Skellington in Halloween Town?



| ANSWER The Pumpkin King

NOTE Despite holding his royal title, Skellington grows tired of repeating the same annual routine each year.

12. Friendship, Maine is the setting for the 1995 family film *Casper*. What is the name of the haunted manor house where the friendly ghost resides?

| ANSWER Whipstaff Manor

NOTE Casper made cinematic history in 1995 by becoming the very first lead feature-film character generated entirely by computer.

13. In the 1984 film *A Nightmare on Elm Street*, what distinct two-color pattern makes up Freddy Krueger's iconic striped sweater?

| ANSWER Red and green

NOTE The supernatural slasher torments and attacks Elm Street's teenagers specifically through their dreams.

14. In the 1973 horror classic *The Exorcist*, what is the first name of the twelve-year-old girl who becomes possessed by a demon?

| ANSWER Regan

NOTE The ancient demon possessing the young girl is identified as Pazuzu.

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15. In Stanley Kubrick's 1980 adaptation of *The Shining*, what is the name of the isolated Colorado hotel where Jack Torrance descends into madness?

| ANSWER **The Overlook Hotel**

NOTE *The Shining* gave cinema one of its most quoted ad-libs when Jack utters the line 'Here's Johnny!'

16. Before Chucky becomes possessed in the *Child's Play* series, what specific fictional brand of doll is he packaged and sold as?



| ANSWER **A Good Guy doll**

NOTE The doll comes alive when the soul of on-screen serial killer Charles Lee Ray is transferred into it.

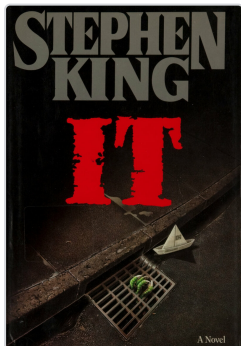
17. What is the name of the fictional New Jersey summer camp where the slaughter takes place in the original *Friday the 13th*?



| ANSWER **Camp Crystal Lake**

NOTE Killer Jason Voorhees later adopted a distinctive hockey mask as his trademark disguise.

18. What is the name of the fictional town in Maine terrorized by the malevolent clown Pennywise in Stephen King's *It*?



| ANSWER **Derry**

NOTE Pennywise is actually a shape-shifting creature who chose the guise of a circus clown.

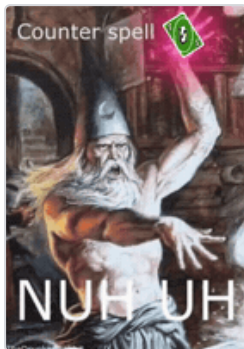
19. In the 1960 psychological horror classic *Psycho*, what is Norman Bates' morbid personal hobby when he is not running his roadside motel?

| **ANSWER** Taxidermy

NOTE Due to the film being shot entirely in black and white, the crew used chocolate syrup as blood during the shower scene.

Monsters and Myths

20. What name is traditionally given in folklore to a male witch?



| ANSWER Warlock

21. In Irish folklore, what is the name of the female spirit whose wailing is said to warn of an imminent death?

| ANSWER Banshee

22. In Charles Dickens's tale 'A Christmas Carol', who is the very first ghost to appear before Ebenezer Scrooge?

| ANSWER Jacob Marley

23. In Haitian folklore, what name is given to a reanimated corpse?

| ANSWER Zombie

24. Which many-headed monster of Greek mythology was famously said to possess nine heads?

| ANSWER Hydra

25. Which term originating from the German language literally translates into English as 'noisy ghost'?



| ANSWER Poltergeist

26. In William Shakespeare's 'Macbeth', which Scottish nobleman is accompanying Macbeth when he first encounters the three witches?

| ANSWER Banquo

27. Which biblical figure is described in the Old Testament as raising the spirit of the prophet Samuel at the bidding of King Saul?



| ANSWER Witch of Endor

28. According to popular folklore, which specific metal is traditionally believed to be capable of killing a werewolf?



| ANSWER Silver

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