Meaning of Spooktober

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You can describe Halloween in a lot of ways. Scary, fun, frightening, spooky, terrifying, etc. Everyone has their own opinions on Halloween. Halloween is when people dress up in costumes and they use their trick or treating bags to go to houses or events that hand out candy. People usually go trick or treating in their neighborhood, children centers, or whatever their tradition is to go trick or treating. Throughout October, people carve pumpkins, and they carve scary or funny faces on their pumpkin. Also, people are creative with their pumpkins. They draw and paint different designs on their pumpkin. When people are done designing their pumpkins, they put their pumpkins on their porch or their window seal. Also, before it is Halloween, some people decorate their houses with whatever decorations that relate to Halloween.

They decorate their houses, their bushes, and even their windows. Halloween is basically when you can be creative, have fun, and you get to do whatever you want if it is safe. On Halloween, I dress up in my favorite costume, and I go to my school, and we have an event called” Trunk or Treat” and that’s when you go to the volunteers’ trunks and they pass out candy to all of the grades Prek-8th. After school ends, I go trick or treating with my mom and my cousin Matthew, and we go to trick or treating events in our Detroit community. This is my perspective on Halloween.
HALLOWEEN TRADITIONS

Every Halloween I would trick or treat with my best friend since preschool, Brooklyn, and her family. I remember when we went to this one house and the owner dressed up as a vampire and scared me, Brooklyn, and her sister. Another tradition I do is watch, “It’s the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown” with my mother. She used to watch it with her father and her sister.

- PHALRON TURNER

I usually spend Halloween at school or having a party at home. When I go to school I dress up and go on a field trip. After the field trip, at school we eat apple cider and donuts. If I don’t have any dance classes, then most likely I will prepare to have a mini Halloween/October celebration. I usually make snacks and spooky treats. My usual treats are mummy dogs, pretzels, some type of fruit, punch, candy, caramel apples, and deviled eggs. Another thing I do is make or paint pictures, go apple bobbing, and carve pumpkins. One of the last things I do is watch movies.

- ANEESAH LITTLE

HALLOWEEN MOVIES

TEXT BY KENNEDI FENNICKS

Since the virus is spreading it’s better to stay at home right? But just because we’re staying at home doesn’t mean we can’t have fun while doing it. So, here is a long list of spooktacular Halloween movies:

- Beetlejuice
- The Nightmare Before Christmas
- Scooby-Doo
- Hocus-Pocus
- Ghostbusters
- Casper
- Monster House
- The Haunted Mansion
- The Addams Family
- Halloween(s)
- Child’s Play
- Scream
- Goosebumps
- Edward Scissorhands
- The Mummy
- E.T.
**THEMED MASKS**
**WRITTEN BY MORGAN MARSHALL**

Even though Spooky season is around the corner, we still need to be safe during the pandemic. In order to stay safe, we need to wear masks. Here are 2 easy to make DIY masks. For the first mask, you will need a sock and a pair of scissors. If you’re stuck, please ask an adult for help. First, you take your sock and cut the toe and the heel off to make a rectangle. Second, cut a slit on each side of the sock to go around your ears. Rotate the sock so you can put the sock around your ears. That’s it; it’s so easy. If you can add a folded sheet of paper towel and you have a filter.

The second mask is a bit more difficult. For this mask, you’ll need fabric or an old tee-shirt, a hot glue gun, scissors, elastic, twist tie, elastic, and patches for decorations (optional). For an adult mask, you’ll need to cut an 8”x11” inch piece of fabric. Then flip the fabric inside out, and cut a small piece of twist tie. Place 2 beads of hot glue on the twist tie. Fold the top piece of fabric down a half inch, and hot glue all the way down. Then pinch the fabric about 2 inches in, depending on how many pleats you want. Secure with hot glue bead on both sides. Repeat 3 times, and do the same on the back. Then hot glue corners, and the sides to make sure everything’s secured. Lastly, get a piece of elastic and tie a knot. Use patches to spruce up your mask. Have fun, and stay safe.

**PUMPKIN CARVINGS**
**WRITTEN BY DEVAUGHN MADISON**

Cool pumpkin carvings, some spooky pumpkin carvings, or cool carvings are just regular carvings that could look spooky. Some spooky carvings that would be easy are, a carving with a jack o lantern inside of it and have your creativity look spooky. As you carve your pumpkins I usually make it look like it has teeth and I would decorate it and put with other things to spook it out and make it look scarier. Always be safe as you go out!!
Halloween is coming up everybody! You know what that means, endless candy, and the coolest costumes! I've come up with a few group costumes ideas, so keep reading:

- Mean Girls
- The Incredibles
- Alvin and the Chipmunks
- Power Rangers
- Wizard of Oz
- The Avengers
- Scooby-Doo
- Minions
- Ghostbusters
- Ninja Turtles

Now, I wouldn't recommend going trick or treating this year, but these would just be fun to wear around the house with friends or family. Stay safe!

As of current times, I don’t advise going out during Halloween, due to the risk of exposure to COVID-19. However, if you do intend to go out, make sure you have your mask on at all times, gloves, or hand sanitizer nearby. If you want to hang out with people, make sure it’s in a small group and it’s outside. When in public, make sure to be aware of your surroundings and that an adult is with you. When you are out, make sure you stay with the people that you know. I hope you enjoy yourself, and please stay safe.

Events Near You

During COVID-19 not many places are open for Halloween. Things have changed but some places are still open such as:

- Drive through trick or treating at Novi Town Center at Crescent Blvd. from 1 p.m.- 2 p.m. on October 24
- Halloween Mystic Day at Comforts Inn, Farmington Hills from 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. on October 24
- Halloween stroll at village arts factory cheery hill road from 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. on October 30
- Trunk or Treat at Washington Elementary School from 1 p.m. on October 30-31
- Blake’s Orchard in Armada Center open from 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. through October 31

Remember to stay safe, wear a mask, and have fun!
One night as Johnny was playing basketball, on a spooky scary night as he was shooting he heard noises and went to look in the bushes. He went to go and check and as he went the sound got louder as someone was saying I’m going to get you, Johnny!! As Johnny walked towards the sound he saw an old abandoned gym. As Johnny walked toward the gym the doors opened and he walked in and a clown was laughing, and Johnny was scared!! He ran from the gym but couldn’t escape so Johnny went back. The clown said to only get rid of him he would have to beat him but if he won he would haunt his house forever!! Johnny had accepted his challenge.

Johnny was up and the score was 7to5 as the clown started to cheat. Johnny had then kept playing and then won the game!!! As Johnny went home and celebrated on his win. The scary clown was defeated and he never came back to that town again.

THE END
Ghostly Games
Zoie Franklin

Villain Match Game

DIRECTIONS: WITHOUT USING HELP, GO THROUGH THE LIST
AND MATCH THE VILLAIN TO THEIR MOVIE!!!