

Reading and writing Ket: Part 9

Read the story and write an email to Jay about Halloween Use this information to write about it.

- Where did it come from?
- Why is it celebrated?
- Why people dress up to scare?

This question must be your answer.

Write 35 – 50 words.

Pasos para hacer el "writing":

- Leer el título de arriba.
- Leer las preguntas que deben de ser redactadas en el "writing."
- Leer el "writing" e intentar entender que me cuentan, al final tienes las palabras en rojo traducidas en español, sí no entiendes algo busca la palabra en el diccionario <http://www.wordreference.com/es/>.
- Escribe al lado de cada párrafo que pregunta contesta y escribe la idea principal de ese párrafo.
- Una vez que hemos trabajado el texto debemos escribir el mail según lo que hemos visto en clase (encabezado, cuerpo, final y firma) y siempre escribiendo sobre lo que me han preguntado.

The history of Halloween

Many hundreds of years ago, a people called **the Celts** lived in Europe and on the British Isles. The Celts believed that the **souls of the dead** visited Earth on the last day of October. They had a **festival** in honor of these souls of the dead, and they called it **Samhain**.

In time, the **Roman Empire** conquered the Celts and **took over** some of their **beliefs** as well. This included Samhain. The Romans combined it with their own festivals. And since the Roman Empire spread across a great part of the known world, the idea that the souls of the dead visited Earth on the last day of October spread far and wide.

Many ideas from the Roman days still survive in the United States and in other Western countries. Halloween is one of them.

But **how** did we get the name Halloween?

In the 8th Century, the Catholic Church declared November 1 to be All Saints' Day. The church calendar had a number of days **honoring** saints already. November 1 was picked to be the day to honor all saints who didn't already have a day named in their honor.

And the **mass** that the Catholic Church celebrated on November 1 was called Allhallowmas. This meant "mass of all the hallowed [**saintly people.**]" It was commonly **called** "All Hallows' Day."

And somewhere along the line, the night before became **known** as Allhallowe'en, which was short and became as Halloween.

One last question: Why do people dress up as ghosts, **goblins**, vampires, and other scary creatures?

The people who started all this Halloween activities many years ago believed that if they appeared scary, they would scare **away** the spirits of the dead who were **roaming** the earth on All Hallows' Eve. These people also carried food to the **edge** of town and left it there, hoping the spirits would eat that food and not come **raid** the village.

Vocabulary Summary:

Celts: Celtas

Souls of the death: almas de la muerte

Festival: festival

Samhain: nombre celta a las almas de los muertos

Roman Empire: Imperio Romano

Took over: coger

Beliefs: creencias

How: cómo

Honoring: honrar

Mass: misa

Saintly people: santos

Called: llamado

Known: conocido

Goblins: duendes

Away: lejos

Roaming: deambular

Edge: borde

Raid: asaltar