Halloween Traditions

Jack O’Lantern

**Read the article ‘The Legend of Stingy Jack’ from** [**http://www.history.com/topics/jack-olantern-history**](http://www.history.com/topics/jack-olantern-history)**. Answer the following questions.**

1. The Jack O’Lantern tradition originated from which Irish myth?

2. What did Jack do with the coin instead? Why?

3. Under what condition did Jack free the devil?

4. What trick did Jack play the following year and how did he prevent the devil coming down from the tree?

5. What happened soon after?

6. What problem did Jack then face?

7. What did the Irish call Jack’s ghost?

8. What did the Irish then begin to make and place in their windows and doorways and why?

9. What did the vegetable become in America?

Apple-bobbing

**Read the first paragraph of this website link about the rules of apple-bobbing:** [**http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apple\_bobbing**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apple_bobbing)

**Answer the following questions.**

1. How is the game played?

2. Why are apples used?

3. What do players use to catch the apples?

4. What part of your body are you prevented from using?

Trick-or-treating

**Read the first paragraph of this website link about the tradition of ‘trick-or-treating’:** [**http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trick-or-treating**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trick-or-treating) **and answer the following questions.**

1. What do children ask for when they travel from house to house? (Note: the answer is an American word. Do you know the British English equivalent?)

2. What question do the children ask?

3. What is usually the ‘trick’?

4. Since when has this tradition been practiced in North America?

5. What do homeowners who wish to participate usually do to their houses?

6. In what countries did two traditions similar to trick-or-treating already exist?

7. What were these traditions called?

8. What was different about these to current trick-or-treating traditions?

9. Trick-or-treating has become prevalent in countries outside of America – what do the children ask for in Mexico?