

ABOUT THIS PACKET

Each reading passage in this packet allows students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

OVERVIEW

THE CASE

Read the case aloud to your students so they understand the mission.

QUESTIONS

There are 18 questions to be answered by reading the passage and marking the text evidence.

CLUES

After answering each question, the students will **mark off** their answer choice on their answer sheet. After all questions have been answered, the suspect, evidence, and location will be revealed.

GRADE LEVEL

RANGE

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BEGINNING

4

MIDDLE

5

BEGINNING

5

MIDDLE

5

END

6

BEGINNING

6

MIDDLE

6

END

7

BEGINNING

HALLOWEEN TRADITIONS

Halloween is one of the world's oldest holidays which first originated in Europe. It did not start off as the holiday we know today, with pumpkin carving and candy. The holiday started thousands of years ago as a festival by the Celts. The Celts were a group of people who lived in Ireland. November 1st was their new year and the beginning of the harder times of winter. The night before, October 31st, they celebrated a tradition called Samhain. Samhain is a Gaelic word that means "summer's end." Samhain marked the end of harvest and the start of the 'dark half' of the year when days became shorter and colder. It was believed that ghosts returned to earth on this day damaging crops and causing chaos. To ward off angry spirits, people dressed up in costumes, performed rituals, and lit bonfires. Since the 1500s, going door to door in a costume or disguise (called guising) was common during Samhain. This evolved over time into different traditions until it became what it is today. Countries all over the world celebrate Halloween in different ways, with their own traditions and beliefs.

In Germany, Halloween is celebrated in April and is referred to as Walpurgisnacht. Walpurgisnacht is also known as "the witches sabbath." Children dress up and trick-or-treat in their neighborhoods. Witches are commonly portrayed in German woodcutting and paintings with long skirts, capes, broomsticks, and pointy hats. Ghosts, and ghouls are the most common costumes. Witch comes from the Old English word 'wicce' which means 'wise woman'. Another German tradition involves hiding any knives in the house to prevent the returning spirits from harm.

Buddhist families in Cambodia gather to celebrate Pchum Ben. Pchum Ben is a religious holiday running from the end of September to mid-October. Pchum Ben is a day to celebrate the dead. People celebrate by visiting and cleaning temples. At the temples, they often make offerings full

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Basketball in Cambodia would have food, sticky rice, bananas wrapped with banana leaves, and _____.



Flowers



Matches



Pancakes



Candy

12

Going door to door in a costume or disguise was called _____.



Wassailing



Dissing



Guising



Treating

13

Walpurgisnacht is also known as "the _____ sabbath."



Witches



Goblins



Ghouls



Vampires

14

The Halloween celebration in Hong Kong is called _____.



Yue Lan



Pchum Ben



Neap



Watai-sai-sai

15 Buddhist families in _____ gather to celebrate Pchum Ben.



Ireland



Scotland



Camodia



China

16 In Scotland, children would disguise themselves as _____.



Evil spirits



Clowns



Priests



Pumpkins

17 During _____, people celebrate by visiting and cleaning temples.



Yue Lan



Pchum Ben



Walpurgisnacht



Neep

18 Witch comes from the Old English word 'wicce' which means '_____ woman'.



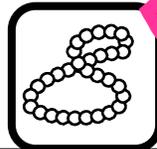
Smart



Old



Wise



Young

CASE FILE

Cross out the images you use as an answer. What remains will solve the case!

SUSPECTS



LOCATION



EVIDENCE



CONGRATULATIONS

YOU SOLVED
THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

CONGRATULATIONS

YOU SOLVED
THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

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