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## GH HALLOWEEN EDITION

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### TEACHERS

Here are some ideas to *integrate computer use into Language Arts*, using Halloween as a theme.

**Important Note to Teachers: If you are directing students to specific web sites, it is a very good idea to view them yourself, and read the material on each page to assess the appropriateness for your students.**

## B C

### Idea #1 – Ghost Stories

Have students view ghost stories at <http://www.halloweenghoststories.com/> or have the teacher print one or two to read out loud.

Then,

- Have students try to write their own spooky story on a word processor
- Have students re-write a story in the form of a play or reader's theater on a word processor
- Have students illustrate one of the stories
- Have students fill in a story map of one of the stories

### Idea#2 – Halloween Recipes

Have students search out special Halloween recipes. They will use a word processor to make a class recipe book, complete with cover and table of contents. Each student can find 2-5 recipes.

The Internet is one possible source of Halloween Recipes. Some recipe sites include:

<http://www.halloweenkitchen.com/>

<http://www.eastrock.org/Halloween/recipes.htm>

<http://www.foxhome.com/goosebumps/trmain.html>

<http://www.britta.com/britta/HW/HWr.html>

[http://www.halloweenshop.com/halloweenshop/strange\\_recipes.html](http://www.halloweenshop.com/halloweenshop/strange_recipes.html)

<http://holidayrecipe.com/halloween/home.asp>

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### Idea #3 – Pumpkin Carving

Planning on carving pumpkins this year in class? Looking for patterns for carving pumpkins? Find them and print them from: <http://www.jack-o-lantern.com/> Click on **Patterns** on the left side of the page.

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### Idea #4 – Safety Tips

Have students visit web sites to read about safety tips for Halloween, or have the teacher print a page and review it with children. Then kids can play a Halloween safety game online at <http://www.halloweenmagazine.com/play.html>

You can find safety tips at the sites listed below.

Children's Safety Zone: Halloween  
Safety Tips  
<http://www.sosnet.com/safety/halloween.tip.html>

Halloween Safety Tips - from the Los Angeles Fire Department.  
<http://www.lafd.org/hween.htm>

### **Idea #5 – Origins of Halloween and Halloween Symbols**



**Warning: This topic may be controversial. Be sure to check with your administrator to determine the appropriateness of this topic.**

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What are the origins of Halloween? What about the symbols like witches, black cats, and pumpkins. Find origins at the following web sites.

- The Hallowed Evening- explains the origins of the popular Halloween symbols of today.  
<http://www.pithos.com/samhain/>
- History and Customs of Halloween - have a spooky good time reading about this delightful holiday.  
<http://wilstar.com/holidays/hallown.htm>
- Origins and History of Halloween - information on the holiday once known as Samhain.  
<http://www.tartans.com/halloween.html>



### **Idea #6 Halloween Trivia**

Give an oral or written trivia quiz on Halloween. Answers for the questions are below. (This is a no-technology idea)

1. Who is the friendly ghost?
2. In what land did the Wicked Witch of the West and The Wicked Witch of the East live?
3. How did the Wicked Witch of the East die?
4. In a Christmas Carol, how many ghosts visited Scrooge?
5. Which famous Shakespearean play featured three witches?
6. In Hansel and Gretel, what was the witch's house made of?
7. In which fairy tale did the witch use a poison apple?
8. Who slept in the pumpkin patch waiting for the Great Pumpkin?
9. When do Gremlins multiply?
10. Who was Dr. Frankenstein's assistant?
11. What was the name of the Munster's pet?
12. Who was Herman Munster's wife?
13. What kills a werewolf?
14. Which American town is famous for witch trials?
15. What method of travel does a witch use?
16. What is the name of Sesame Street's vampire?
17. What is a carved pumpkin called?
18. How many bones are in a skeleton?
19. Who flies the skull and crossbones flag?
20. What brings seven years bad luck?
21. What was the original name of Halloween?
22. What vegetable was originally used to make a Jack-O-Lantern?



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Answers:

1. Casper
2. Land of Oz
3. Dorothy's house landed on her
4. Four
5. Macbeth
6. Gingerbread
7. Snow White
8. Linus
9. when they get wet
10. Igor
11. Spot
12. Lily
13. A silver bullet
14. Salem, Oregon
15. Broom
16. The Count or Count Dracula
17. Jack-O-Lantern
18. 206
19. Pirates
20. breaking a mirror
21. All Hallows Eve
22. turnip