



HALLOWEEN CLOZE



Watch the video and complete the test:

<http://youtu.be/R-VRAemIvbl> Halloween History , National Geographic Channel

World	All Saints Day	holiday	afterlife	Irish
Dead 2,000	bonfires	troublemaker	earth	religious
vandalism	death and life	trick and treating	gates neighbours	Celts

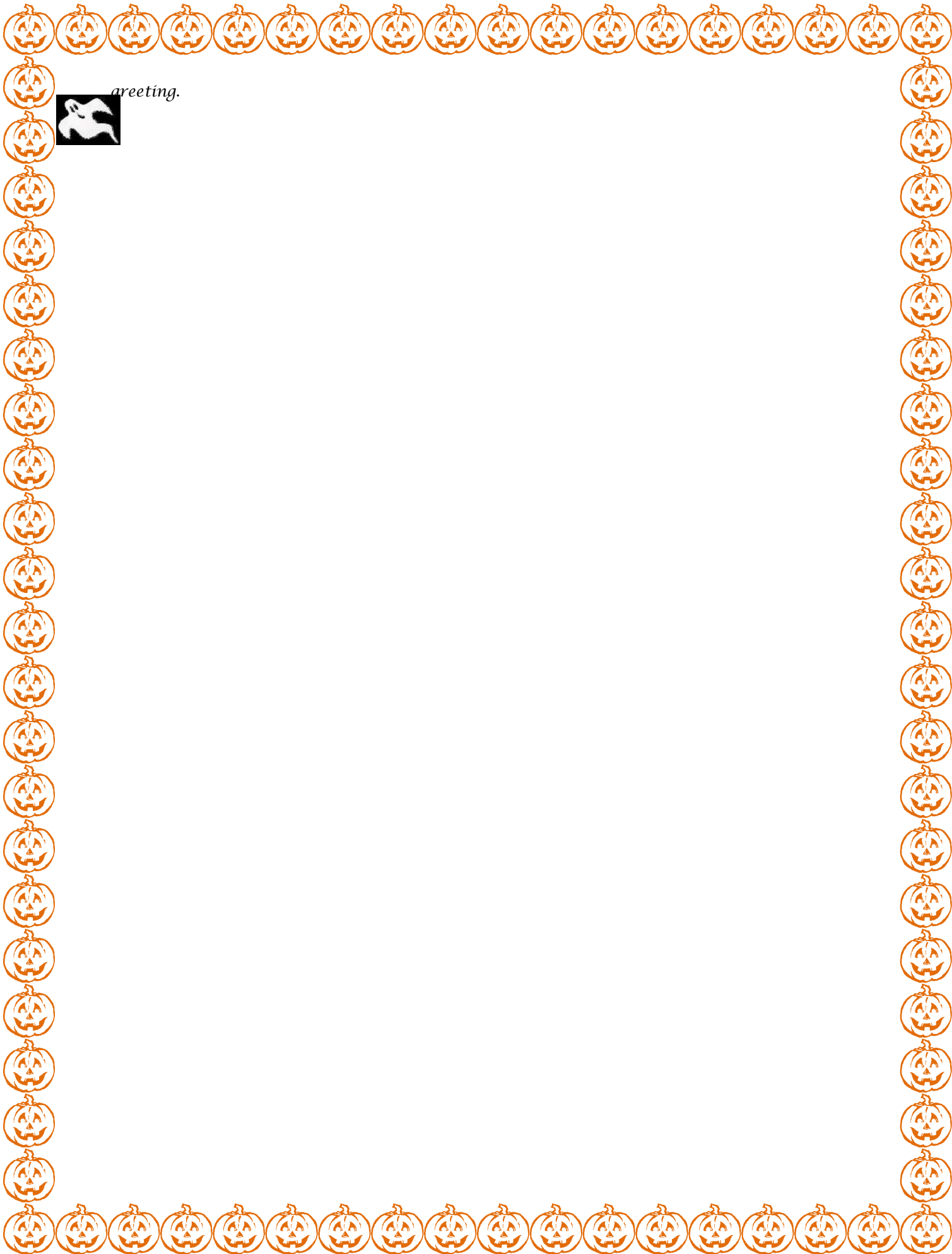
From communion with the _____ to pumpkins and pranks, Halloween is a patchwork _____, stitched together with cultural, _____, and of cult traditions that span centuries. It all began with the _____, people whose culture had spread across Europe, more than _____ years ago. October 31st, was the day they celebrated the end of the Harvest _____, in a festival called Samhain. That night also marked the Celtic New Year, and it was considered a time between years, a magical time when the ghost of the dead, walked the _____.

It was the time when the veil between _____ was supposed to be at its thinnest. On Samhain, the villagers gathered and lit huge _____ to drive the death back to the spirit _____ and keep them away from the living, but, as the Catholic church's influence grew in Europe, it found on the Pagan rituals like Samhain. In the 7th Century, the Vatican began to merge it with a church sanctioned holiday. So, November 1st was designated " _____ " to honour Martyrs and the deceased faithful.

Both of these holidays had to do with the _____, and about survival after death. It was a calculated move, on the part of the Church, to bring more people into the fold.

All Saint's day was known then as Hallowmas. Hallow means Holy or Saintly, so the translation is roughly Mass of the Saint's. The night before October 31st was called "All Hallows' Eve", which gradually morphed into _____. The holiday came to America, with the wave of _____ immigrants during the potato famine, of the 1840s. They brought several of their holiday customs with them, including bobbing for apples, and playing _____ on neighbours, like removing _____ from the front of houses. The young pranksters wore masks, so they wouldn't be recognised, but over the years, the tradition of harmless tricks, grew into outright _____.

Back in the 1930s, it really became a dangerous holiday, I mean there was such hooliganism and vandalism, _____ was originally an extortion deal. "Give us candy or we'll trash your house!". Storekeepers and _____ began giving treats or bribes to stop the tricks, and children were encouraged to travel door to door for treats as an alternative to. _____ By the late 1930s "Trick or Treat" became the holiday



greeting.

