



Halloween Main Idea and Details

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Directions:

- 1. Print, cut out and laminate all stories and the template. Place the two halves of the gameboard together and laminate. Review main idea and details with the student using the provided template. You may even want to give some basic examples of main idea/details before reading the stories.**
- 2. While playing the game, read each story and take turns identifying the main idea and at least three specific details for each story. Continue around the gameboard until all stories have been read, and then race for the finish.**

Main Idea: the most important thought about the topic of a paragraph. The main idea tells the reader what the text is about.



The main idea of this story is:

Details: facts, statements, and examples that help us understand the main idea. Details help explain and describe the main idea.

Three important details from this story are:



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



Sometimes people visit a haunted house on Halloween. Haunted houses can be a fun place to go if you like to get scared! Usually, people dress up in scary costumes and hide in the haunted house. When people walk by them, they jump out to scare them!

There are usually creepy decorations like coffins, tombstones, and cobwebs in the haunted house. There may also be eerie noises like creaking stairs, screeching bats, cackling witches, bubbling cauldrons, or moaning mummies. It's important to remember that the scary things aren't real, and that they're just

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People often think of bats when they think about Halloween. Bats are actually very good animals that help humans by eating bugs, like mosquitoes, that carry disease. Sometimes people are afraid of bats because they think bats have rabies, a very bad disease. The truth is most bats do not have rabies, although you still shouldn't touch them with your bare hands. Bats fly at night and sleep during the day. They can eat hundreds of mosquitoes in one night, and use sound waves to find their food. Bats are very interesting animals.

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Sometimes people like to trick-or-treat on Halloween. Trick-or-treating is a way to get free candy!

First you need to put on a Halloween costume. Then you need to find a bag or container to put your candy in. You should always trick-or-treat with a grown-up or friend. You should also bring a light, such as a flashlight or glowstick, so cars can see you in the dark. Most people walk around their neighborhood to trick-or-treat. When you knock on someone's door who has a light on, and yell "Trick-or-Treat", they give you candy!

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Getting lots of candy on Halloween is usually every kid's favorite part of the holiday. Kids can get lots of free candy when they go trick-or-treating. Sometimes you can also get candy at Halloween parties, or from teachers or friends. It's important to let a grown-up check the candy you get to make sure it is safe to eat. If you are allergic to any foods, you need to check the ingredients in the candy. Make sure you brush your teeth good after you eat the candy to avoid getting cavities. Try to eat only a few pieces at a time so you don't get a stomachache!

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Choosing a costume for Halloween can be lots of fun! There are a lot of different costumes to choose from. Sometimes people make their own costume from clothes and other things they have at their house. Other people buy a costume at the store. It's okay to wear a costume more than one year in a row if you really like it.

Some popular costumes for Halloween are a witch, mummy, cat, vampire, pumpkin, and ghost. Costumes can be scary, silly, cute, funny, or interesting!



Sometimes people dress up like a ghost for Halloween. Ghost costumes are easy and fun to make. First, you need to find an old sheet that is okay to cut. Next, you need to cut two eye holes in the middle of the sheet. After that, you should put the sheet over your head to see if the bottom is too long. If the sheet is too long, you can cut the bottom to make it shorter so you don't trip. Then you can simply wear the sheet over your clothes when you go to a Halloween party or trick-or-treating!



Some people like to dress as a witch for Halloween. Witches can be scary, funny, or even pretty! Most witches wear a black dress with black pointy shoes. They also wear a black pointy hat. Witches are supposed to ride a broom, so you might want one to go with your costume. Sometimes witches also have a black cat, or a big pot called a cauldron. Witches brew potions in their cauldrons. They might say, “Double, double, toil and trouble. Fire burn and cauldron bubble!” It’s fun to be a witch for Halloween.



Sometimes we think of spiders when we think about Halloween. Spiders go with Halloween because many people think they are scary! Spiders have eight legs and lots of eyes. A spider spins a new web each day. The spider uses its web to catch insects to eat. Spiders can actually be good for a garden because they eat bad insects that kill plants. Spider webs are very strong, and they can be beautiful to look at. You may even be able to see them sparkling in the grass when there is dew in the morning.



Vampires are another popular costume for Halloween. People like to dress up as vampires because they are scary. Even though it's not real, people pretend that vampires suck other peoples' blood with sharp teeth. Some stories even say that vampires can change into a bat to fly around at night. Vampires are supposed to be afraid of garlic and crosses. Vampire costumes usually have a cape and pointy fangs. It can be silly to dress up as a vampire!



Halloween is a holiday in the fall. Halloween is on October 31st. Usually the weather is a little bit cool for Halloween, but it depends on where you live in the country. The leaves may have changed colors to beautiful red, yellow, and orange, and many leaves may have fallen off the trees. It's fun to crunch in the leaves when you go trick-or-treating. Sometimes you need to wear warm clothes over or under your costume when you trick-or-treat. You may also need an umbrella if it rains!



Many people like to carve pumpkins into jack-o-lanterns for Halloween. To make a jack-o-lantern, you need a big pumpkin, a sharp knife, a spoon, and a light such as a candle or glowstick. First, cut the top or the bottom off of the pumpkin in a circle. Next, scoop out all of the seeds and pumpkin goo with the spoon. Make sure to save the seeds for roasting! Then, cut out a jack-o-lantern face or other design in the side of the pumpkin. Last, put the light in the pumpkin, put the top back on, and set your jack-o-lantern in a special place for all to see.

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The holiday of Halloween actually started hundreds of years ago! The tradition came from a day called All Hallows' Eve because it was the night before All Saints Day on November 1st. Legend said that if you wore costumes and masks on All Hallows' Eve you could scare away harmful spirits, or ghosts. People began stocking up on food and putting candles on their windowsills and in pumpkins or turnips because of other old legends. Over time, other Halloween legends became known, but the tradition of costumes and jack-o-lanterns have stayed the same.

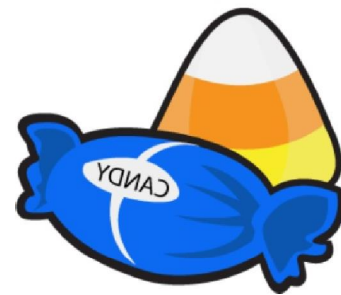
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