

Halloween Instructions

Pumpkin Fortune Teller

You'll need:

- 8 precut pumpkins (4 blank, 4 with words) (included)
- 1 black marker
- 1 sheet of black construction paper (optional)
- 1 glue stick (optional)

Fortune telling games were all the rage during Victorian Halloween parties. These pumpkins and their fortunes are reproductions of a real game that Victorian kids played! Read the 4 pumpkins that already have a fortune written in, then write your own fortunes on the 4 blank pumpkins. You can make them rhyme or do your own thing – be creative! When you've filled in all of your pumpkins, flip them over and add jack-o-lantern faces to the other side with your marker, or cut shapes out of black construction paper. Mix the fortunes up, lay them flat, then let your family and friends pick and pumpkin to determine their Halloween fate!

Halloween Mask

You'll need:

- 1 Halloween mask (included)
- Colored pictures, crayons, or markers

Costumes have always been part of Halloween fun, but by the 1910s costumes were a tradition that few people passed up. Color and decorate your Victorian Halloween mask however you'd like so you can be ready for the fun!

Spooky Story

You'll need:

- 1 copy of Phantom Race (included)
- 1 writing page (included)

Spooky stories were fun to tell in houses lit by only candlelight. Read the Phantom Race, a story published in the Fayetteville Observer on May 23, 1895. Think about everything you've learned about historical Halloween celebrations and write your own spooky story!