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Halloween vs. Día de los Muertos

HALLOWEEN	DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS
Celebrated on October 31st.	Celebrated on November 1st and 2nd.
Origins: The old Irish, Gaelic Samhain (meaning summer's end), a time to store food supplies for the cold months ahead.	Origins: The Aztec festival dedicated to goddess Mictecacihuatl, Lady of the Dead.
Celebrates the end of summer and the coming of winter.	Celebrates the life and death of ancestors, friends, and family.
Harmful spirits warded off by frightening costumes and masks.	Encourages visits from spirits of those who have died and celebrates their memory.
Common symbol: The jack-o'-lantern.	Common symbol: The skull.
Images of evil, the occult, magic, and monsters.	Images of cheerfully decorated gravesites and home altars with flowers and traditional food.
Coincides with the Christian All Saint's Day on November 1st.	Coincides with the Catholic All Soul's Day on November 2nd.