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**Halloween**

**On Oct 31 of every year** – Chances are you will be dressing up in a costume to celebrate Halloween but what exactly are we celebrating? And why is everyone dressed up? Halloween, originally it was called “All Hallow’s Eve” and it was first celebrated in Ireland and Great Britain. One belief is that it’s the night that the spirits of the dead came out to search for new bodies; naturally people did not want to be the host of a spirit so they dressed up in all types of scary manners to scare away these spirits. The tradition was brought to the Americas by Irish Immigrants in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**The Berlin Wall**

**After winning World War II** -, the Allies divided [Germany](#) into four separately administered zones. The Soviet Union controlled the eastern part of the country, while the United States, Great Britain, and France controlled the western part, which was soon united into one political division for more info [click here](#)



**This Month in History**

**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1957** – [Russia](#) launches Sputnik 1 the first artificial satellite in orbit flying at an altitude of 560 miles. Each orbit around the earth took about 96 minutes. The United States had their own successful launch on January 31, 1958, with a Jupiter-C rocket sending Explorer 1 into orbit.

**October 10<sup>th</sup> 1884** – Eleanor Roosevelt was born in [New York City](#). She married Franklin Delano Roosevelt who was the 32<sup>nd</sup> president of the U.S. She was once quoted as saying “ It is not fair to ask of others what you are unwilling to do yourself” An incredible woman by many standards she was also the niece of Theodore “Teddy” Roosevelt who was also a U.S. President. She died at the age of 78 in 1962.

**October 25<sup>th</sup> 1881** – Pablo Picasso (1881-1973) one of the leading artists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century was born in Malaga, Spain. He was one of the co-founders of the cubism movement. The son of an art teacher he quickly developed his skills and at 15 years of age he took the exams to enter the [Barcelona](#) School of Fine Arts.

**Maps 101 Trivia**

**This country** - is located in Southeast Asia it boasts an abundance of natural resources; it gained independence from colonial rule in 1948. It is slightly smaller than Texas it borders the Andaman Sea, and the Bay of Bengal, between Bangladesh and [Thailand](#). A leading opposition leader, Aung San Suu Kyi won the Nobel prize in 1991 for her support of a democratic government. Name the country and send your answer by email to [Maps101@maps.com](mailto:Maps101@maps.com) for a chance to win a map from our Antique maps collection. A winner will be chosen at random from all correct entries, and be notified via email. For further assistance see the *Reference Atlas* in Maps101 or [Click Here](#).



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