

## Worksheet 2

# Black Knight

## *The History of Halloween*

*'Whatever you do, sir, lock the door early on Halloween,  
and make the cross-sign over the doorstep and on the windows.'*

Halloween is an annual festival celebrated around the world incorporating various ancient religious beliefs and traditions.

**Task 1:** Research the history of Halloween by answering the following questions:

- Where did the word 'Halloween' originate?
- When was this festival first observed?
- What traditions and festivals are thought to have influenced Halloween?
- When is Halloween celebrated? Why was this day chosen?
- What symbols have been associated with Halloween over time?
- How was Halloween celebrated historically?
- How is Halloween celebrated today?

**Task 2:** Present your research as an oral presentation to an appropriate audience.

### Extension Activities:

- Create an information text describing the 'Day of the Dead'. When and where did this custom originate? When and where is it celebrated? What is the significance of this day to those who celebrate it? How is it celebrated?
- Compose an argument text in response to the topic 'Halloween is too scary for small children'.