

Fun Facts about the month of October

OCTOBER BIRTH MONTH

- Birthstones are opal and pink tourmaline
- Flower is the calendula
- Zodiac signs are Libra and Scorpio

SPECIAL DAYS IN OCTOBER 2024

- October 6th-12th: Fire Prevention Week
- Monday, October 14th: Columbus Day
- Thursday, October 31st: Halloween

WAYS TO HONOR IN OCTOBER

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Lupus Awareness Month

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IN HISTORY

- October 1, 1896: Free rural delivery of mail starts in the United States
- October 1, 1908: The Model T, designed for the masses and conceived by Henry Ford, goes on sale for the first time
- October 3, 1990: East and West Germany are reunited as the "Federal Republic of Germany" after 45 years of Cold War division
- October 4, 1957: Sputnik I, the first artificial satellite, is launched by the Soviet Union
- October 5, 1947: The first presidential telecast address from the White House is made by Harry S. Truman
- October 8, 1871: The Great Fire of Chicago starts which is responsible for the death of more than 300 people and leaving 90,000 homeless
- October 13, 1990: Greenwich is established as the universal time from which the standard times throughout the world are calculated
- October 19, 1987: Wall Street stocks plunges a record 508 points (22%) for the largest one day drop in stock market history known as "Black Monday"
- October 22, 1836: Sam Houston is inaugurated as the first president of the Republic of Texas
- October 31, 1864: Nevada becomes the 36th US state



Did you know?

The Anglo-Saxons referred to October as "Wintirfylith" which means "fullness of winter" because it has the first full moon of the winter season.

The holiday name "Halloween" is derived from the original English name "All Hallows' Eve". It is celebrated the day before "All Hallows Day" which is also known as "All Saints' Day". The word "hallow" means "to sanctify".

The Halloween tradition originated in what is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and northern France with the ancient Celtic festival of "Samhain", when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. Over time it evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats.