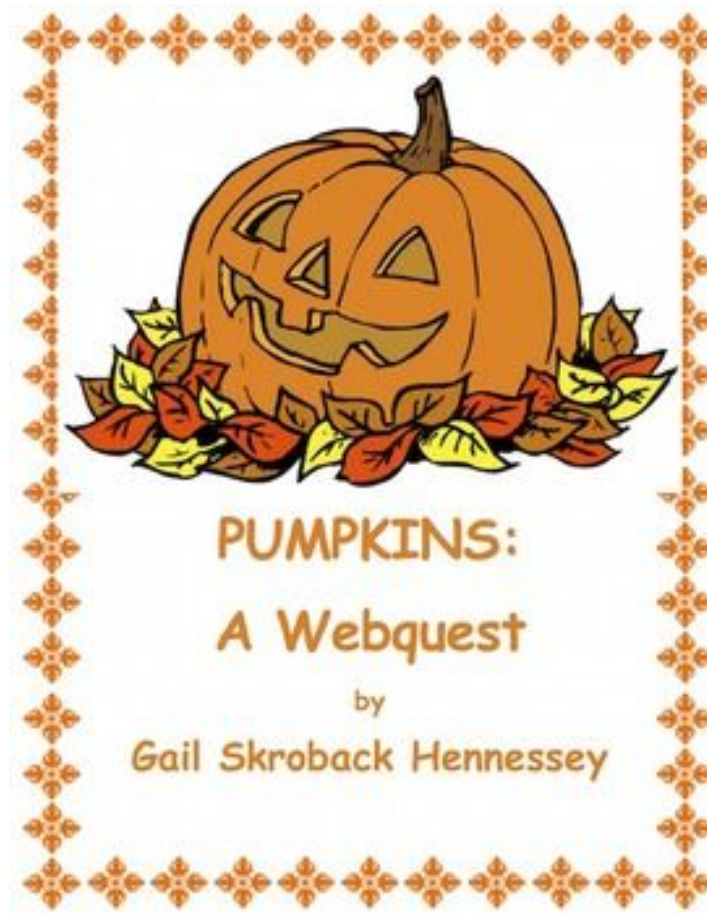




### **PUMPKIN FUN**

**LEARN ABOUT PUMPKINS WITH THIS FUN Webquest!**

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Even though Pumpkins are part of the cucumber and squash family, pumpkins are considered fruit. And, pumpkins are the world's largest of all fruits! Did you know that pumpkins are 90% water or that the world's largest pumpkin pie was made in New Bremen, Ohio, in 2010? The world's largest pumpkin pie used 2796 eggs, 14.5 pounds of cinnamon, 525 pounds of sugar, 109 gallons of evaporated milk, 1,212 pounds of canned pumpkin and weighed 3699 pounds.

Learn more about the pumpkin with this fun and informative webquest....perfect for this time of year!





1. The name pumpkin originated from the Greek word for "large melon" which is "pepon." The French turned the word into "pompon." The English changed "pompon" to "Pumpion". What are three popular stories where pumpkins are mentioned? \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_



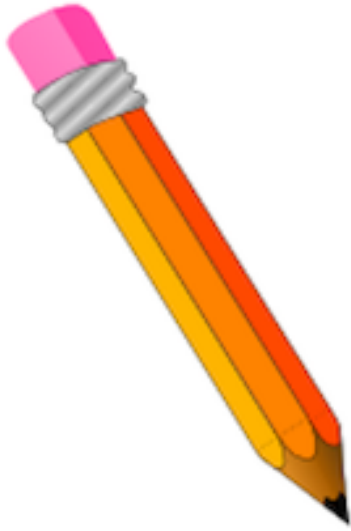
and \_\_\_\_\_ Find the answer at this link: <http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/pumpkins/history.html>

2. Pumpkins are in the same family which includes squash and cucumbers. They are considered a fruit and not a vegetable. Pumpkins date back to 7000 to 5500 BC , to the Central American country of \_\_\_\_\_. Where is the self proclaimed "Pumpkin Capital of the World"?\_\_\_\_\_ Which company that makes lots of canned pumpkin is found in this city?

\_\_\_\_\_ Find the answers at this link: <http://www.pumpkinnook.com/facts.htm>.



3. In addition to using pumpkins as a food, Native Americans dried strips of flatten pumpkin strips to weave them into this.\_



\_\_\_\_\_ Beets, potatoes and this vegetable was used for carving Jack-o-Lanterns before pumpkins became popular. \_\_\_\_\_. Immigrants from this country brought



the id \_\_\_\_\_ ea of Jack-O-Lanterns to the United States.\_\_\_\_\_,Find the answers at this link: <http://pumpkin-patch.com/facts.html>

4. Native Americans called pumpkins,"isqoutm squash". What were two medical uses for which people thought pumpkins could be used?

\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_.Who was "Stingy Pete"?

\_\_\_\_\_ Find the answer at this link: <https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/the-feed/8-amazing-facts-about-the-stars->



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**THERE ARE 10 WEBQUESTIONS and COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS.  
THE TEACHER PAGE HAS EXTENSION ACTIVITIES, LINKS and a KEY.**



**Comprehension Questions: SAMPLE**

- 1. From which country did the idea of Jack-o-Lantern's originate. What were three other things used to make Jack=O-Lanterns? List THREE fact about this country where Jack-O-Lantern's originated.**
- 2. From which country(in 2016) was the world's heaviest pumpkin grown? How many pounds did it weigh? About how many pounds per day can a pumpkin grow?**



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