

BLOODY Mary

LEGEND



She lived deep in the forest in a cottage and sold herbal remedies for a job. People living in the town nearby called her Bloody Mary, and said she was a witch. None dared cross the old street for fear that their cows would die, their food-stores rot away before winter, their children become sick.

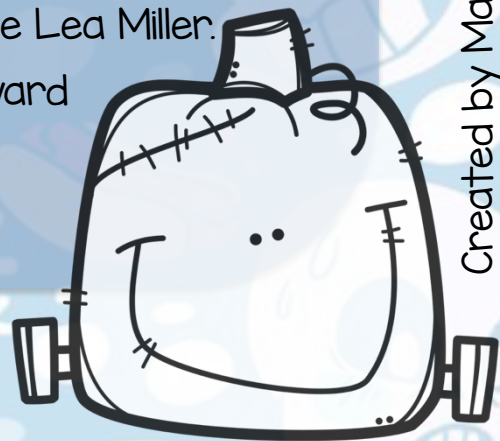
Then the little girls in the village began to disappear, one by one. No one could find out where they had gone. Families searched the woods, the local buildings, and all the houses and barns, but there was no sign of the missing girls. A few brave people went to Bloody Mary's home in the woods to see if the witch had taken the girls, but she denied it.

Still, it was noted that her appearance had changed

She looked younger, more attractive. The neighbors were suspicious, but they could find no proof that the witch had taken their young ones.

Then came the night when Lea Miller left her bed and walked outside. The Miller's wife was in the kitchen when her daughter left the house. She screamed for her husband and followed the girl out of the door. The Miller came running in his pyjamas. Together, they tried to stop the girl, but she kept moving away from them and go out of town. The noises woke the neighbors. They came to assist the couple. Suddenly, a farmer screamed and pointed towards a strange light at the edge of the forest. A few men followed him out into the field and saw Bloody Mary standing beside a large oak tree, holding a magic wand that was pointed towards the Miller's house. She was glowing with a light as she set her evil spell upon the Lea Miller.

Men grabbed their guns and ran toward the witch.



Now he shot at her. The bullet hit Bloody Mary in the hip and she fell to the ground. The angry men brought her into the field and built a huge bonfire. As she burned, Bloody Mary screamed a curse at the villagers.

When she was dead, the villagers went to the house in the wood and found the graves of the little girls the evil witch had murdered. She had used their blood to make her young again.

From that day to this, anyone who chants Bloody Mary's name three times in front of a mirror will summon the spirit of the witch. It is said that she will break their bodies to pieces.

Souls of these ones will burn in torment as Bloody Mary once was burned, and they will be trapped forever in the mirror.





VOGAB words

DEFINITIONS

- ❑ Witch = a woman who possesses magical powers.
- ❑ Dared = to have the courage to do something.
- ❑ Rot = to disintegrate, to deteriorate.
- ❑ Neighbors = people who live next to your house
- ❑ Disappear = not to be at a certain place.
- ❑ Denied = to say something that is not true.
- ❑ Wand = a piece of wood that is long and small (witch's wand)
- ❑ Glowing = to show light.
- ❑ Spell = a phrase that has a magical power and effect.
- ❑ Hip = body part between your stomach and leg.
- ❑ Bonfire = a very large fire to burn witches.
- ❑ Curse = a charm that is evil .
- ❑ Blood = red liquid we have in our body.
- ❑ Graves = a tomb where we put the dead people.
- ❑ Summon = to call for the presence of someone.
- ❑ Souls = our spiritual body.

DISCUSSION questions

1. Explain what started to happen to girls.
2. During the night, **who** was walking outside?
3. What **object** did Bloody Mary have in her hands?
4. What **weapon** did the farmer own to protect him?
5. **Where** did the farmer shoot Bloody Mary?
6. What did the men decide to do with Bloody Mary?
7. Explain what happened when people mention her **name**.
8. What did the villagers **find** near the house of Bloody Mary at the end?
9. **Why** did she kill the girls?