English

Halloween offers excellent opportunities for the students to learn new vocabulary and develop all four language skills, while having fun. Project Based Learning (PBL) is a unique approach to blend drama techniques and technologies in the development of key competences. Throughout the learning process, technologies could be used to acquire, organize, demonstrate, and communicate information. Group projects increase motivation, promote learner autonomy, have clear, achievable objectives, and can be managed in a way that lets everyone in the group take on a role that's best suited to them. They also make a welcome break from routine and can be run over several classes.

1. **Access to information**

Even if your school isn't equipped with top-notch technology, use students' devices they carry with them every day. Their mobiles make access to information much quicker and efficient. If you don't want your students wasting a bunch of time looking for information, prepare a list of approved/suggested websites related to their projects to get started. Hosting your lesson plan and proposed sites on a Google Website, or Google Docs will give you an opportunity to make them more easily accessible for your students. [Mrs Golemanova's Classroom](#)

2. **Collaboration**

Using OneDrive and Google Drive, students can work together simultaneously on one document for brainstorming, taking notes, finding additional resources, and gathering answers.

3. **Formative Feedback**

Reflection, critique, and revision are very important aspects of the PBL process. Using the tools OneDrive and Google Drive allow you as an educator to check in on their work at any time, and guide their work from the beginning.

4. **Lesson activities with using Web 2.0 tools**

✓ **Presentations.** You can ask your students to prepare Power Point

Presentations on the topics: Halloween superstitions and traditions; Halloween decoration ideas for houses and gardens; Spooky treats for Halloween. If you find classic presentations very simple, PowToon is the right choice for you to develop cool animated clips and animated videos. Halloween video

✓ **Crosswords and readings.** Other PBL activities could be making crosswords and reading comprehension with fill in the gaps in the text. It is a fun and interactive way for students to test their knowledge of Halloween vocabulary words and facts. Do away with work-sheets. A projector can be a valuable tool for increasing engagement, even if your students stay in their seats. Take online crosswords and readings on the lesson topic.

✓ **Digital posters.** Another task for your students could be to create a digital poster. They just have to upload their favorite Halloween image at ThingLink and tag it with sounds, videos, Flickr photos. These tags will be revealed every time a viewer scrolls the mouse over the uploaded image. By using ThingLink, your students can also include links to other resources in the social networks, blogs, news and sites. Halloween Thinglinks

5. **Drama techniques for Halloween**

✓ **Halloween Charades.** Play in teams and see which team can get the most correct guesses from their classmates' pantomimes. Your list might include the following: Walk like Frankenstein; Dracula drinking blood; A witch flying on a broom; Carving a Jack-o-lantern. Play in teams and see which team can get the most correct guesses from their classmates' pantomimes.

✓ **Get Inspired by Scary Sound Effects/Videos.** Play some scary sounds/videos for your class and have each group of students come up with a scary skit. For an even bigger challenge, have students create their own radio play and record it along with the special sound effects and then play them all for the class.

✓ **Do an Interview with a Vampire.** Have each person in class choose a spooky creature to role play such as a vampire, werewolf, ghost, witch, etc. Then pair students up to interview their fictional partner. If you like, have each person share some highlights from their interview with the class after the roleplays are finished.

✓ **Write a Spooky Story.** Get your students to think creatively writing their Halloween stories with spooky characters, unknown shadows or noises, and a mysterious ending. Ask them to tell the story or role play it.

✓ **Do You See What I See?** This game will test your students' general vocabulary knowledge along with their creativity. Start one round by projecting a scary picture. Then students have five minutes to try and identify an item in the picture that starts with each letter from A to Z. After five minutes, stop and see who came up with the most words and review any new vocabulary with your class. Play three rounds with three different pictures and add each student's score for each round. At the end of the game, the student with the most points wins the game.

6. **Evaluation**

After students have presented their work, you can have an evaluation task and ask your teenage students what they have learned from others. You can create fun learning games in minutes, which are called 'kahoots', or use already made ones. Kahoot is a free game based learning tool that makes learning fun. It is an extremely useful educational technology tool that requires minimum technical expertise for creating quiz, surveys and discussions.

7. **Publishing Students' Projects**

Finally, sharing and publishing students' projects, reaches a broader audience with Facebook, Instagram, YouTube. You can also host them on your teacher's website.