

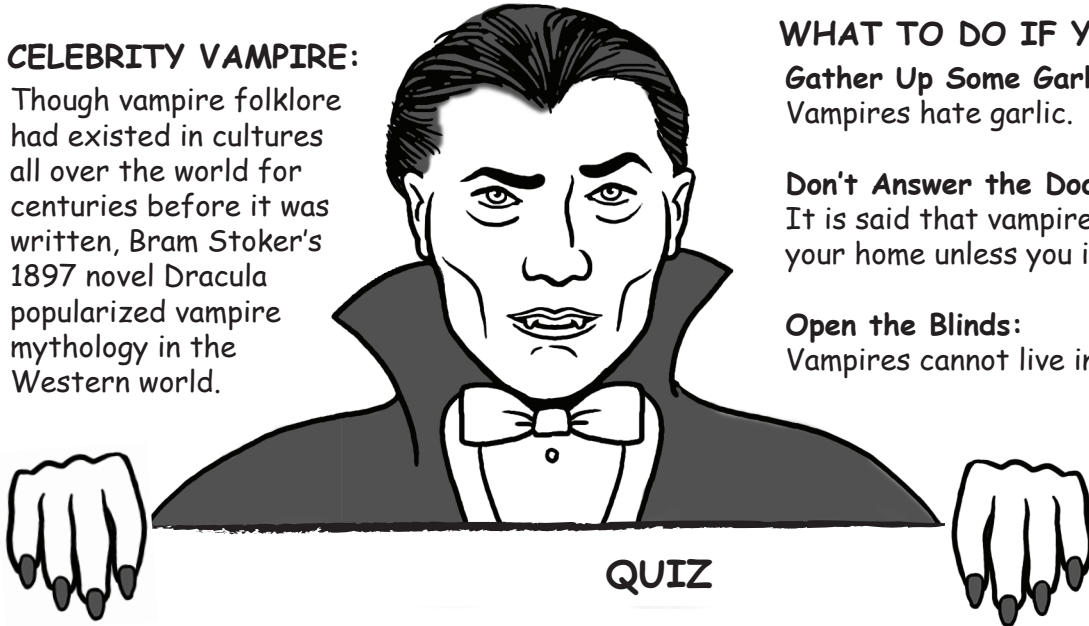
VAMPIRES

Vampires are immortal creatures said to prey on the living, hoping to drink their blood.

If you are bitten by a vampire, it is said that you will become one. Many cultures believe in vampires and vampire-like creatures, and have for centuries. The modern-day image of a vampire is of a being that sleeps in coffins, lives in a large, isolated castle in Eastern Europe, and dresses in a long cape with a high collar. Most of these beliefs are influenced by early horror films about vampires, such as Nosferatu and Dracula.

CELEBRITY VAMPIRE:

Though vampire folklore had existed in cultures all over the world for centuries before it was written, Bram Stoker's 1897 novel *Dracula* popularized vampire mythology in the Western world.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE A VAMPIRE:

Gather Up Some Garlic:
Vampires hate garlic.

Don't Answer the Door:
It is said that vampires will not enter your home unless you invite them in.

Open the Blinds:
Vampires cannot live in sunlight.

QUIZ

1. Can you think of any other famous vampires in books, movies, or television shows? What vampire-like characteristics does this character have? Do they have any that are different?

2. A vampire is walking down your street, and he's heading towards your house! What would you do?

- a) Chase him away.
- b) Throw your leftover Halloween candy out the window at him
- c) Go to the grocery store and stock up on garlic.



3. If you were going to dress up as a vampire for Halloween, name three things you would wear.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____