

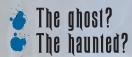
So, What Lurks In Your Imagination?

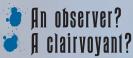
HERE ARE SOME IDEAS & TIPS TO HELP YOU GET WRITING A SPINE-CHILLING MINI SAGA...

Young Writers invites you into the hair-raising world of ghost stories and gothic fiction with Spine-Chillers...

You're challenged to write a mini saga (a story told in up to 100 words!) inspired by the theme.

Whose point of view will you choose to write from?





Whether you decide to write a creepy tale about the paranormal or an unexplained mystery, create folklore or a sense of foreboding, Spine-Chillers helps you plan and write a mini saga, engage with creative writing and create original ideas!

Check out the video that introduces the activity to you in just a minute: https://youtu.be/__CuR6yW4sQ

the voiceover on the video is exactly 100 words! Yep, our instructions are a mini saga!

CREEPY QUOTES

Check out these famous gothic fiction quotes... and see how the writer sets the scene:

"Here is a small fact: You are going to die."

THE BOOK THIEF BY MARKUS ZUSAK

"My candle was nearly burnt out, when, by the glimmer of the half-extinguished light, I saw the dull yellow eye of the creature open..."

FRANKENSTEIN BY MARY SHELLEY

"Mr. Croup began to laugh. It sounded like a piece of blackboard being dragged over the nails of a wall of severed fingers."

NEVERWHERE BY NEIL GAIMAN

"Everything down here floats,' that chuckling, rotten voice whispered..."

IT BY STEPHEN KING

"God! Whose hand was I holding?"

THE HAUNTING OF HILL HOUSE BY SHIRLEY JACKSON

"How could you hide from a murderer who lives under your skin?"

THE TROOP BY NICK CUTTER

Terrifying Top Tips

Use your senses to create the scene...

Stench. Dark. Slimy. Chilling.

Find words that evoke the readers' senses!

Be inspired by fear. What are you or others scared of? Use that fear in your writing:

"What's that noise?"

Thousands of spiders scuttled towards me... A cold hand brushed by face... It was pitch-dark...

Research writers in the supernatural/horror genre. From R.L. Stine and Derek Landy to Maureen Johnson, James Herbert and Stephen King - whatever your level of terror there is a writer out there for you!

A Ghostly Glossary

APPARITIONS/ GHOSTS/ SPECTRES/ POLTERGEIST all mean a type of

CURSE - a solemn utterance intended to invoke a supernatural power to inflict harm or punishment on someone or something.

PARANORMAL

- events or phenomena such as telekinesis or clairvoyance that are beyond the scope of normal scientific understanding. MACABRE - concerned with or causing a fear of death.

all mean a type of EERIE - strange supernatural figure. and frightening.

INCANTATION a series of words said as a magic spell or charm.

SUPERSTITION

- a widely held but irrational belief in supernatural influences, especially as leading to good or bad luck, or a practice based on such a belief.

PETRIFIED so frightened that one is unable to move; terrified.