

Horror Short Story Assignment



Write a short horror story of between 500 - 1000 words. To help you, aim to include some the key ingredients below:

- an opening paragraph that sets the scene, e.g. a lonely house or a lonely evening when few people are about
- some sort of omen or prediction of what will happen, e.g. an old painting, a face at a window, a strange message or a well-known local tale about a strange happening
- some sort of reaction from your character, e.g. anger, alarm, or terror
- a series of connected events that offer small clues to the reader, e.g. the telephone call with a little more detail in each call
- a building of suspense through setting, events, and your characters' reactions. Try using senses like smell, hearing, and sight to make your character frightened - e.g. the sound of the telephone or the apparition by the river
- a final climax followed by the tale of some event in the past that explains what has happened

Your final work should be typed or written neatly in blue or black ink, and double spaced. Illustrations may be added if you wish. Remember, the more creative you are, the higher your mark will be. All spelling and grammar rules apply, as always.

You will have some class time to work on this but you will also need to work on it at home.

This assignment is due _____.