

HAUNTED HOUSE ASSIGNMENT



Write a story about a visit to a haunted house, using the picture and the key words/sentences provided. You are to start your story with a **SASSY SENTENCE** opener. You **MUST** also use **10 TRANSITION** words- see your transition word list.

To help you- choose at least 3 of the keywords to use in your story. Remember a **HORROR** story relies on great description so you **MUST** use the descriptive word list provided. Your story **MUST** be at least 2 pages typed dbl spaced, 12pt font

Key Ideas

Key Words

The door squeaked as I opened it, and I felt...	I could smell...	Scary	Gloomy	Dark
The first thing that I saw...this made me feel.	The door to the bedroom was locked.	Frightened	Spiders	Creaky
I could hear...it sounded like.....	There was an old picture of...	Ghost	Noises	Bats
I opened a cupboard and saw...	The weather was...	Thunder	Lightening	Owl
Outside in the garden I could see...	I could not get out.	Strange	Rain	Spooky
I think that the house was haunted because...	There was nobody to help me.	Deserted	Lonely	Stairs

PLANNING

WHO	WHERE	WHAT
<p> A couple of friends A mass murder A sibling Family Member Bully Pet Classmate </p>	<p> Carnival Basement Hospital Insane Asylum School Barn Sewer Attic Cave Mall Museum House/Abandoned House Graveyard Theatre (Movie) Castle Hotel Resort </p>	<p> Trapped Kidnapped Curious Bullied/Dared Save someone Lost/Trouble Looking for something Hurt Fall </p>
WHEN	WHY	HOW
<p> Stormy night Halloween Christmas Eve News Years Eve Friday the 13th Birthday Fall/Spring/Summer </p>		<p> Saved by someone Police/Firemen Kill the antagonist Trick the antagonist </p>

HAUNTED HOUSE STORY RUBRIC

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CHARACTERS	The main characters are named and clearly described in text as well as pictures. Most readers could describe the characters accurately.	The main characters are named and described. Most readers would have some idea of what the characters looked like.	The main characters are named. The reader knows very little about the characters.	It is hard to tell who the main characters are.
PROBLEM	It is very easy for the reader to understand the problem the main characters face and why it is a problem.	It is fairly easy for the reader to understand the problem the main characters face and why it is a problem.	It is fairly easy for the reader to understand the problem the main characters face but it is not clear why it is a problem.	It is not clear what problem the main characters face.
SOLUTION	The solution to the character's problem is easy to understand, and is logical. There are no loose ends.	The solution to the character's problem is easy to understand, and is somewhat logical.	The solution to the character's problem is a little hard to understand.	No solution is attempted or it is impossible to understand.
DESCRIPTION	The story contains many creative details and/or descriptions that contribute to the reader's enjoyment. The author has really used his imagination.	The story contains a few creative details and/or descriptions that contribute to the reader's enjoyment. The author has used his imagination.	The story contains a few creative details and/or descriptions, but they distract from the story. The author has tried to use his imagination.	There is little evidence of creativity in the story. The author does not seem to have used much imagination.
WORD CHOICE	The word choice used by the author is clear. The words directly enhance the story and provide clear details. There is a good flow of relevant ideas due to the words the author chooses.	The word choice used by the author is MOSTLY clear. The words somewhat enhance the story and give some details. There is some flow of relevant ideas due to the words the author chooses.	The word choice used by the author is confusing and unclear. The word choices confuse or detract from the story. There is no flow of relevancy to the ideas given.	The word choice used by the author is limiting and confusing. The word choices are lacking, making the story jumbled. There is no flow in the writing, giving to more of a robotic or static feeling.

TOTAL /20