

What's included?

Haunted House
writing theme

HAUNTED HOUSE
Guided Story Writing

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Story starter

THE VANISHING HOUSE

The moon shone brightly in the sky, peeking through the dark clouds and casting an eerie glow over the forest trees. The friends huddled closer to the campfire as the night air became chillier. Sarah, Eric, and Jake were looking forward to their camping weekend ahead.

They had set up their tents without any problems and now the campfire glowed brightly, the ashly smell mixing with the scent of pinecones in the air. As the night grew darker, they laughed and roasted marshmallows.

"Who knows a good ghost story?" Sarah asked.

"I've got one!" Eric exclaimed. "Do you know the tale of the vanishing house?" Sarah and Jake both shook their heads. "It's said that the house is hidden deep within these very woods," Eric added, with a spooky tone to his voice.

Plot choice
prompts

Choose words to describe the mansion.

Use the words to paint a picture of the mansion.

- Covered in ivy
- Grand facade
- Mist surrounding the house
- Lit-up stained glass windows
- Graveyard at the side of the house
- Gargoyles at the entrance
- A broken window with fog in it

Write a descriptive paragraph about the mansion and its ambience.

The glow of the lit-up stained glass windows contrasted with the deep, black night sky. As the clouds drifted in the evening breeze, the moon-light revealed an eerie graveyard beside the mansion.

Write a descriptive paragraph about the mansion, Show, don't tell!

Include how the friends feel when they see it.

- Use the 5 senses to add more details to your writing.
- See
- Hear
- Touch
- Taste
- Smell

Scaffolded
template

Choose a room that the friends explore.

Decide where in the mansion the friends go.

The grand parlour with a chandelier on the ceiling, swaying gently.	A library filled with dusty books and tomes, one book open and the pages turning.	An elegant dining room with the table set and food half-eaten.
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Write a detailed paragraph about their movements through the house.

What happens in the room?

Do the friends touch anything? Can they see anything else?

Write about how the items could be moving on their own.

Reflection
sheet

Reflection

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You have drafted a horrifying Haunted House story. Fill out the reflection before you publish your work!

A part of my story I am proud of...

A part of my story I want to change...

A part of my story that needs more details...

Add extra details or words

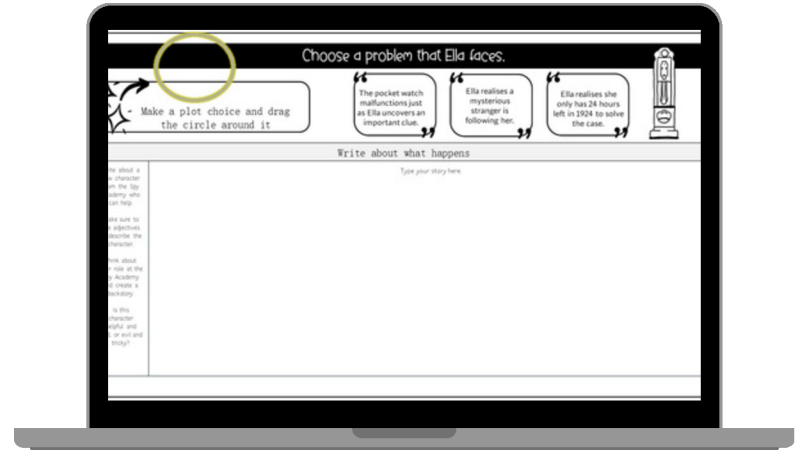
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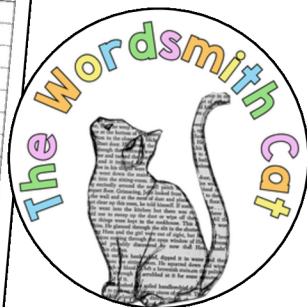
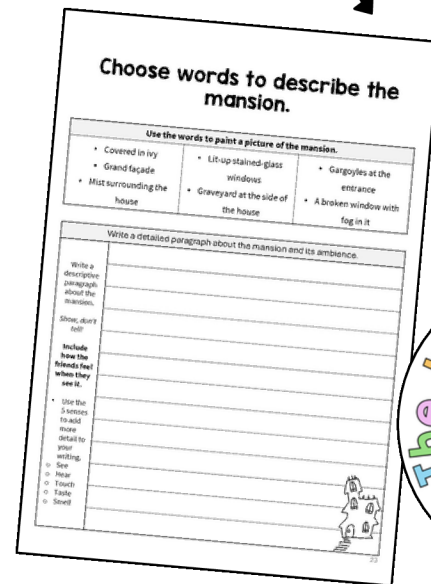
Why you'll love it.

- ✓ Support story writing
- ✓ 2 page story starters
- ✓ Engaging writing theme
- ✓ Printable and digital
- ✓ Scaffolded writing template

Digital (PowerPoint)



Printable



Ways to use this product.

✓ Independent writing practice

✓ Group writing activity

✓ Intervention task

✓ Homework activity

✓ Writing centers

✓ Week long writing unit

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Teach writing!

Motivate students to enjoy the writing process.

Encourage reluctant writers by providing a scaffold.

Watch students grow in confidence as they write.

The story continued...



Sarah and Jake didn't believe Eric about the house, but he was a good storyteller, so they were eager to listen.

"The house is a relic from the 20th century. It is said to be frozen in time. It only appears at night, and anyone who enters might never come out."

Sarah shuddered and Jake smirked.

"It's a good story, but really..." Jake began. But he was interrupted by the loud echo of a door thudding shut.

"Did you hear that?" Sarah couldn't hide her p

As the friends looked around, they saw a mysterious from the dense forest. They slowly walked closer, h together. Nervously, Jake pulled back a branch. The through into a clearing.

But the clearing wasn't empty at all. Rather, the ghos the moon illuminated the outline of a grand mansion. windows flickered with lights as the great oak front d open.

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