



**SPOOKY,  
SCARY,  
AND  
HAUNTED  
VISUAL  
CREATIVE  
WRITING  
QUICK  
WRITES**

**A WRITING MINDSET RESOURCE**

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# RESOURCE HINTS & TIPS

## REVIEW GENRE AND COMMON ELEMENTS

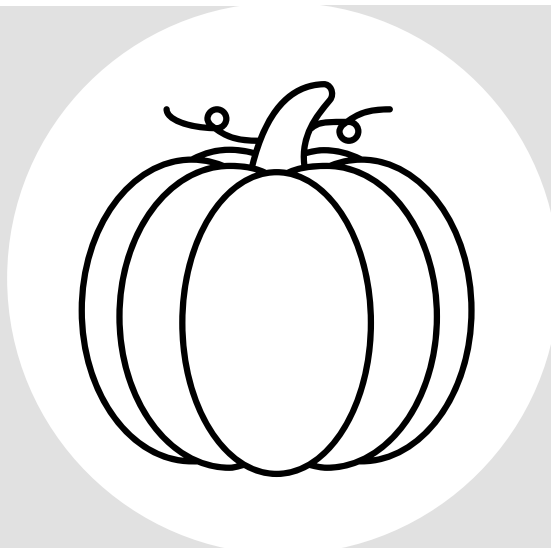
The horror genre is more than blood and gore. The horror genre, by definition, creates a sense of dread in the reader through images, themes, and situations.

It may be helpful to do whole group brainstorming during the first days.

These brainstorming sessions can help students understand how images can inspire story ideas. Think about common elements like ghosts, haunted houses, mystery, suspense, surprise, bats, pumpkins, graveyards, supernatural elements, etc

## IMAGES

Students can draw or insert images to explain what they are trying to write about from their minds. This is helpful when talking about characters or setting.



## RESEARCH

Encourage students to research elements of their stories. This could be really important for setting. Inquiry-based projects make writing more interesting.

## CLASSROOM COMMUNITY, SHARING, AND SETTING BOUNDARIES

Create a classroom community where sharing is encouraged and students learn how to respect the other voices in the room. Give shoutouts, praise, and "snaps" during community reading.

Decide as a group what is appropriate for school writing. Decide how writing is going to be shared and if it might be triggering to some writers.







