

Ghost story assignment:

Today you will begin the process of writing a ghost story worthy of the name. Your short story must be submitted in its final form electronically by Oct. 17/20. You have a lot of liberties with this assignment, so be creative, but keep in mind that this will need to be school appropriate. Also, remember that blood and gore is not something that is spooky, and it may cause your entry to be turned down rather than accepted. Your tale must be written in Times New Roman 12pt font, no more than pages (single spaced) and PDFed for submission (we will do this in class). That will be approximately 1500 words on the small end.

These are the steps for creating your story. *These steps will be checked for grades.*

Step 1) Today's brainstorming questions (on Promethean) and outline due TODAY.

Step 2) Map out the plot of your short story on a plot graph. Be detailed.

Step 3) Rough Draft Due _____

Step 4) Peer Evaluations (in class assignment) Due _____

Step 5) Final Revised Story Due at start of class _____submitted online AS A PDF file to contests@saugus.net and bccing Mrs. Mai at crisrina.mai@lcps.org.

Did you check for spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors?

Things to include:

- ___ 2 metaphors
- ___ 2 similes
- ___ Dialogue (can be internal dialogue, if necessary)
- ___ Did you set the mood?
- ___ Did you develop your characters sufficiently? (think: direct and indirect characterization)
- ___ Did you refer to the handout from class on how to write a ghost story?