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Haunted Places in Virginia – Research Paper

In order to make the task of research more interesting (and in light of the season) we will be researching a local building that is supposedly haunted. Because Virginia has so many historical landmarks, there are many well-documented supernatural occurrences in our older buildings (think Civil War battlefields and the like). We will research the history of these places, and then uncover the spooky stuff that happens there. The purpose, of course, is to learn to write a basic research paper and properly document our sources, but who says it can't be fun? Who knows, it may make you curious enough to take a field trip there with your family!

Goal: To write a small research paper with MLA formatting about an historical Virginia landmark.

- Write an expository thesis
- Quote, paraphrase and summarize information
- Use MLA parenthetical citations
- Create a Works Cited page using electronic tools
- Use standard essay structure which includes an introduction, body, and closing paragraph

Tasks:

1. Choose your landmark – make sure you have chosen a well-documented place so that you will easily find information _____
2. Compile your research and write down your MLA information on notecards or in a document; make sure to include both historical information AND “haunting” information as you will need both _____
3. Compose your expository thesis; write your introductory paragraph (turn in your thesis statement) _____
4. Write your full paper _____
5. Compose your MLA Works Cited Page; ensure that your whole document is MLA formatted _____