




HOW TO WRITE YOUR OWN SCARY STORY

1. Choose an interesting "what if." For example, what if you were trapped in a movie theater?
 2. Think about all the scary things that could happen in that situation. Then think about all the ways a person could get out of that terrifying situation.
 3. Who is the main character? Is it you or a fictional person?
 4. Choose a scary setting. Decide where and when your story takes place.
 5. How did the main character end up in the scary situation?
 6. Choose a bad guy or villain. Describe this character and how he or she will provoke fear in the story.
 7. Complete THE 5 WS OF SCARY STORY WRITING handout.
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8. Develop the plot:

- What will happen?
- What problems will the main character have to face?
- How will the problems be resolved?
- What other characters might be involved?
- What is the danger?

9. Make up a surprise ending. Good stories shock you!

10. Complete the INTERACTIVE STORY MAP at

<http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/storymap/index.html>.

Make sure to include all the story elements, such as descriptions of the setting, main characters, conflict, and resolution.

Now you are ready to write your own scary tale!