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.
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
    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!