JOURNAL ASSIGNMENTS

As you read your book, complete the following journal assignments. Each assignment should be done on a separate sheet of paper and placed in your scary stories folder.

Journal 1: **Table of Contents:** First, make a list of the numbers of the chapters in your book. After you read each chapter, go back to this page and make up a title that accurately reflects what each chapter is about.
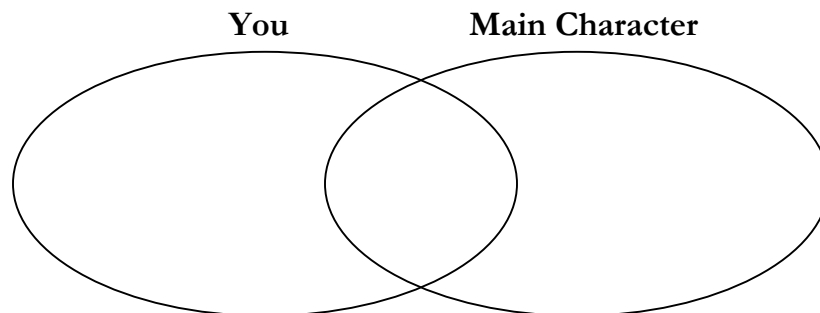
Journal 2: Write down interesting and scary words, images, phrases, or details from the story. Think about them. Why did the author choose them? What do they add to the story? Why did you notice them? Complete a double-entry journal. Divide your paper in half and copy scary words from the text on the left and write your reactions to the words on the right.

Journal 3: Complete the **Character Descriptions Organizer** for your book. Find examples of what the main character and the villain say, do, and think. Then write a short description of each character based on your examples.

Journal 4: Complete these sentences during reading:
- It sent chills down my spine when…
- I can picture the…
- It seems like…
- I realized…
- I wonder why…
- I noticed…
- It made me think of…
- I can imagine…

Journal 5: Complete a Venn diagram. How are you and the main character alike (use the middle) and how are you different?

You   Main Character

Journal 6:   Choose a favorite, funny, unusual, or scary paragraph, or one that just caught your attention. Use a sticky note to mark the page. Write a paragraph about why you chose this paragraph. Be prepared to read the paragraph to the class and tell why you chose it.

Journal 7:   Summarize the last chapter you read in 25 words or fewer.

Journal 8:   How does your novel end? Was it surprising? Describe the ending (50 words minimum).

Journal 9:   Draw three pictures that show how the main character changes from the beginning of the story to the end. Include a caption with each picture.

Journal 10:   Why do you think the author chose the title of the book? Support your answer with details from the story.