



SCARY STORY WRITING CONTEST WINNERS

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Spooky Halloween

Connor H., Grade 2

Once upon a time there was a graveyard. Zombies started to come out of the ground and witches started flying everywhere. A zombie named One-Eye-Ball made a haunted house and he jumped out to scare all of the children! Then he stole all the children's candy and put a 200ft pumpkin in front of the exit blocking them from getting out! One-Eye-Ball tapped some of the children on the head and turned them into zombies. Ghosts flew straight through the other children to scare them so they would feel like they were going to be eaten by ghosts. All of the

children are released to go home but their parents have not idea they are all zombies and ghosts now!
The End



It's Halloween!!!

Surya V., Grade 3

A boy named Fred was trick or treating for Halloween in his neighborhood that night. He went to a house and knocked on the slightly opened door, Nobody answered but the door creaked open.

He slowly went in thinking he could get some candy. Once he was in the door behind him shut close. All lights were off except for a candle burning in the corner. Fred saw a stairway. He took a deep breath and climbed down the stairs with cobwebs. He landed downstairs and saw a maze with 2 scarecrows on each side. Fred went into the maze and in the end saw a coffin with ugly pumpkins on it. He slowly opened the coffin to see a scary vampire in it. Fred quickly shut it when he saw a door-pass out of the basement, Fred ran super fast through the door-pass into the dark streets and fled home. Laying on his bed, Fred thought to himself that was the scariest trick or treat that he ever had in his life.

Warning: Don't Go in the Graveyard this Year!

Carter H., Grade K

A graveyard at a haunted house with giant scary spiders with 6 big eyes.
Ghosts come out of the graveyard and Mummies turn into skeletons - Skeleton Mummies!
And pumpkins that have 100 eyes grab people with their arms made of mini pumpkins.
Spooky witches make their potions that people drink and turn into witches!

The trick or treaters walk through the graveyard to the haunted house and the house timbers and all the graveyard zombies, bats, vampires, vampire bats, ghosts, mummies wrapped in pumpkin goo scare all the trick or treaters away and no one will want to live there.

And then it happens to another group of trick or treaters.

Vines come out of the ground wrapping people up!

Pirate skeletons come out of the ground and use their eye patches as sling shots and catapult pumpkin goo at the trick or treaters! Then the witches go after them trying to get the children to drink their water to turn into witches!

The pumpkins block the entrance using their pumpkin goo to make the trick or treaters stick to the gate and the pumpkins blocking the entrance.

Boats coming from the moon land in the graveyard with skeleton pirates climbing out of the boats.

Vines with huge mouths wrap around the people and pull them underground never to be seen from again!

Be careful which graveyards you go in this Halloween!





The Beast in the Basement

Macy L., Grade 6

One chilly afternoon when my parents weren't home and I had nothing to do, I decided to go to the basement and do some laundry, but that turned out to be a big mistake.

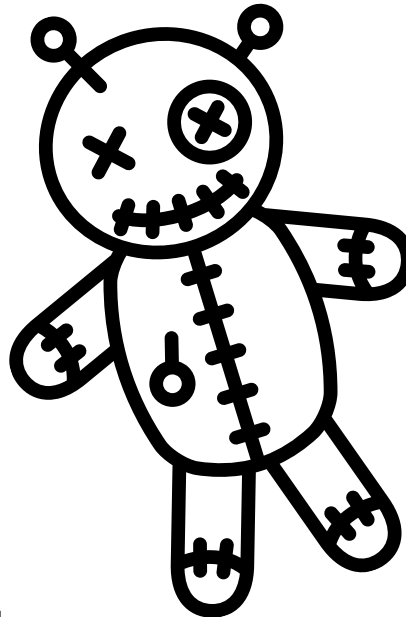
As soon as I crept down the stairs with a basket full of laundry the stairs began to make unsettling creaking noises. Then as soon as I finished walking down the stairs a deep red glow that looked like blood showed up on the wall, and then I heard the laugh, "mwahahaha." That laugh made me scream a blood curdling scream and rush up the stairs as fast as I could. When I got upstairs I grabbed all the pillows and blankets I could find to protect myself from the beast in the basement. I slowly gathered up all my courage and cautiously walked back downstairs.

This time I was prepared for the laugh and the deep blood red glow, but it didn't happen, so I shouted, "Who and where are you?" The beast still didn't show up, so I slowly crept to the laundry machines with all the courage I could muster. Then suddenly I saw something move in the basement, and I shivered with fear. I heard this very witch-like voice that said, "Come here darling I'm getting hungry for a girl like you." I then cried out and said, "Please, please don't hurt me I'm just a young girl." Then I heard laughter and surprisingly realized the witch looked a lot like my mother, so I said, "Mom, dad is that you over there?" I heard my mother's soft voice as she said, "Yes darling it's us, and we were only trying to give you a good Halloween scare now that you're older." We all laughed and talked about the good scare they gave me later at dinner. My mom and dad better watch their backs next year, though, because I'm already planning my revenge.

The Legend of the Dark Forest

Sarah G., Grade 6

In the Dark Forest, where the tall trees sway,
and the wind howls in that creepy way.
Where the weeds are so tall, and the grass is burnt out,
and you wonder how this all came about.
The moon is full with clouds passing through it,
looking like they are trying to move it.
Fog weaves slowly through those tall trees,
making it hard for you to see.
As you walk on bits of cracked leaves and stone,
you wonder if you'll ever be home.
Suddenly, beside you, you hear a faint moan!
You look behind one of the trees,
but you don't seem to see anything!
So you run, because you don't know what else to do,
but then you hear it again, this time closer to you!
You keep running, your feet pounding hard on the ground,
but then you stop to take a breath, and look around.
Then out jumps a tall, white ghost, with a melted candle
like face,
wearing long black cloak, peering right into your face!



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Jiselle H., Grade 5

He comes from under your bed
his mouth full of teeth
he watches you at night
and sing's a deadly toon
his voice is like a flute
as it flows thru the night
you will wanna wake up
but he keeps you down tell bright
then on the last toon
at dusk you will arise
but you see a strange world
as you search for answers
you will see something in a clock
you will stare and stare
and see the monster who watched you at night
then you will arise from you bed and from that night
you will be haunted every night

The Chase of the School Scissors

By Evan S., Grade 1

It was the first day of school and all the supplies in Evan's backpack were alive. Evan sat down at his desk, he put his supplies on his desk, and his teacher started talking and he was listening.

Red and Green crayon looked out of the crayon box and all of a sudden, Scissors jumped out of the pencil case! Scissors chased Red and Green all around Evan's desk. The teacher was talking about math, so Evan didn't see them because he was listening. Red and Green dodged left around Evan's notebook, and Scissors dodged left too and showed them his sharp blades. They jumped over the eraser and Scissors cut the eraser in half! They ran around Evan's water bottle. Scissors cut a hole in the water bottle and kept chasing them. They climbed down the desk leg as the teacher talked

about the game, "Rock, Paper, Scissors" and Evan still didn't see them!

Red and Green climbed into Evan's shoe to hide. It was smelly and there was a pebble. They got the pebble and threw it at Scissors. It hit him and he fell because "Rock beats Scissors." Evan never saw his scissors again...

had to do something to help. James came up with an idea. His idea was to use his vacuum to suck up all the Halloween decorations. He used a huge vacuum and sucked every single one up. When he was done, he threw away the junk in the vacuum cleaner. But he noticed one small thing. There was a note in the vacuum that read, "We will be back next year!"

Untitled

By Dylan P., Grade 1

One day on Halloween night, there was a boy named James. He was alone at his house when suddenly he saw all the Halloween decorations on his street come to life. Then he heard, "Boo! Boo! Boo! Boo! Booooooo! Boo ooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo!" He saw some people running from a werewolf decoration and he knew he

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By Ella P., Grade 5

Under the full moon, there were goblins and goons looking for Halloween treats, for something sweet to eat.

when out of the dark, we hear a dog bark at kids in fright from the zombie to the right.

The zombie had a pale face and ran at the kids at a fast pace.

When out of the blue, we saw a witch with a cauldron full of goo.

So the kids fought with all there might.

To escape from the spooky night.



Spooky Halloween

By Caroline K., Grade 2

A Black cat with a black hat on top stands a white rat.

With a witch flying on a broom her sister is coming very soon.

Ghosts fly out of their den, one decides to hide instead.

A fairy princess runs away but a witch catches her and makes her stay.

Spooky spooky Halloween. Halloween is for you and me.



The Haunted Library

By Olivia V., Grade 5

It was a sunny autumn afternoon, and four friends, Lucy, Zack, Alexa and Max, went to the library because they had a school project. After finishing their school project Lucy said, "hey guys I think we should go home."

Then as they walked toward the exit everyone around them disappeared. "Hey guys everyone's gone, even the librarians, and the library only closes at 9:00pm." said Zack.

Then all of the sudden the lights went out & everyone screamed. "Okay Guys, time to get to work! Let's find the librarians, they must know what is going on," said Alexa.

As they walked around Lucy found a light switch, she turned lights on then they saw books talking to each other telling each other stories. One book said, "here's a good story, once upon a time there was a boy named Jack who planted a beanstalk...." "Hey guys, this is really scary," said Max.

At that moment, a door opened a little bit and they found that there was a big herd of zombies in a room. One Zombie saw the kids then she charged through the door... BOOM! The door left a big

hole where the zombie came through, then all the zombie librarians followed the zombie through the hole in the door. When they saw the kids, they all said, "Brains!...Fresh Brains!" Then they chased the kids all over Town. When the kids got away from the Zombies they all went home terrified!

The End



When Chores Become A Nightmare

By Elin S., Grade 4

Susan loved all things Fall. She liked the cold weather, pumpkins and Halloween. She didn't like chores. Out of all her chores, she hated taking out the trash the most. It was already dark and cold when Susan's mom asked her to take out the trash, but Susan, being obedient, put on her coat and went outside with the garbage bag. As soon as she was outside, she heard a rumbling noise. Susan was not

a girl to be spooked easily, so she shrugged it off and walked towards the garbage can, but as she got closer, the rumbling noise got louder! Susan jumped, dropped the trash bag, and ran back into the house. She knew now she either had to face her mom's rage over leaving the trash on the ground or the monster in the garbage can. She chose the monster. She grabbed a flashlight, a net, and a tennis racket and headed outside again. This time the rumbling noise didn't startle her, but it made her stomach drop. She slowly grabbed the dropped trash bag and walked towards the garbage can. She was about to face the monster - she was ready. Susan carefully opened the garbage can lid and the rumbling stopped. She shined the flashlight into the can and out popped a fluffy squirrel, who was more afraid of her than she was of the garbage can monster.

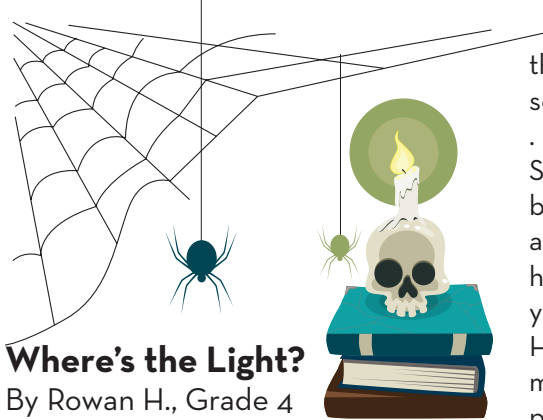


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Madison C., Grade 3

Does this remind you of Halloween?
Ghosts you cannot see
Boo
Bats hanging in your trees
Quiet
Pumpkins rolling down the street
Squish
Shadows walking down the sidewalk
Scary
Giant full moon high in the sky
Cool
Trick or treaters get lots of candy
Yum
Witches on their broomsticks
Whosh
Yes it did!





Where's the Light?

By Rowan H., Grade 4

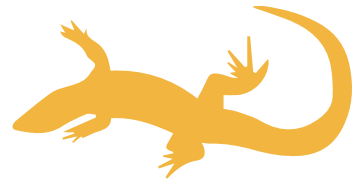
It was Halloween night, and Lucy was taking her sister Megan trick-or-treating. Lucy always enjoyed being with her 6-year-old sister, but at 13, trick-or-treating wasn't really that exciting anymore, so she asked her new friend Micheal, her biology class partner, to join them.

House by house they went, until suddenly Micheal had to leave. As soon as he left, BAM: all the lights went out and the moon . . . was nowhere to be seen! Something dashed past them; it looked like a tall, skinny spider standing upright with a round head. Lucy screamed, and Megan held on to her as they ran home. When they arrived at their house though, the same shape ran past them again, and the door closed by itself after they walked inside! It was pitch black because

their lights went out, too. They saw something, and as Lucy walked closer. . . it was Micheal.

She grabbed a lighter so they could see but it went out, and when it came back on a skinny black figure with a jack-o-lantern head was there! Lucy yelled: "Who are you and what did you do with Micheal?" He said, "I am Michael, but you can call me Veron and I'm here from my home planet of Nero to steal the light and take over your planet because in biology I learned humans are scared of the dark, especially on Halloween!"

Lucy turned, grabbed her guitar and hit the pumpkin head, and it fell to the floor with a smash. The candle inside the pumpkin that had consumed all the light of the night fled out and at that second, all the lights turned back on, including the moon. Lucy looked at Megan, and said, "Wow and can't believe I ever trusted that guy." They finished their trick-or-treating in the light of the moon and threw the pumpkin in the trash. Little did they know all those seeds well, they were coming back together and the sides were building up to a round orange shape once again with the candle light burning. . . it's not over!



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By Emily H., Grade 2

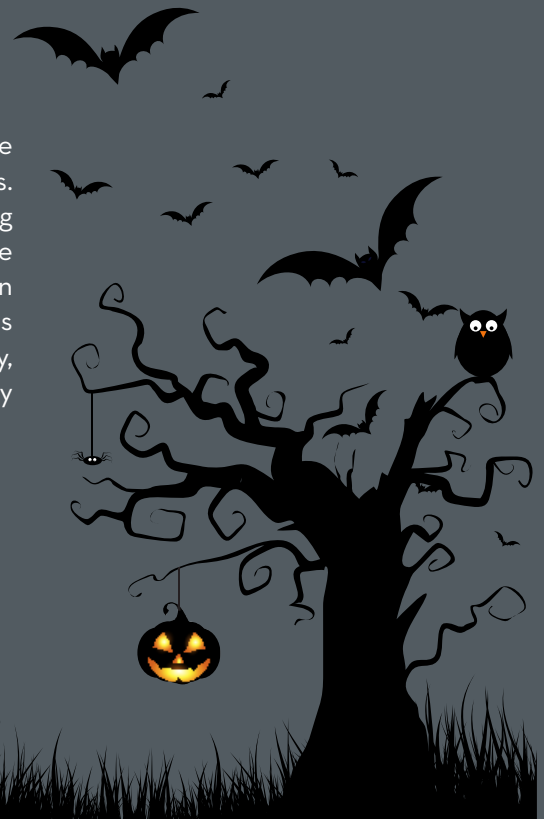
In the little town of Stoneybrook, there was a 5 year old girl named Lila. She loved to read books and draw. One day her mother told her to deliver a note to a person who lived in a cave. She got her coat and the note and went outside. When she arrived at the cave, there was a chill in the air but she also noticed a welcome mat. Someone lived in the cave! She stepped into the cave and heard 'Oooo.' She was scared. Then she saw dark shadows and scary creatures like ghosts, witches, and zombies. They grabbed Lila and brought her to the back of the cave. She gave the note to the scary creatures and was afraid of what they might do to her. It turns out the note was nice and was welcoming the creatures to their new neighborhood. They were happy and invited Lila to dinner. They enjoyed soup and became good friends. Lila visited them often after that night and was no longer afraid.

Untitled

By Aidan F., Grade 3

Once a boy named Jake and his dad were walking past a graveyard when they heard something. When they were walking toward it felt cold and then warm. They both jumped in fright. A skeleton was right in front of them with a ghost. Their names were Mr. Skeleton and Mrs. Ghost. Jake and his dad ran to get out but the exit was gone. Mr. Skeleton snapped his fingers and then bang! Jake and his dad fell in a deep hole,

then zombies started coming out of the ground, Brains - they kept saying. Mrs. Ghost and Mr. Skeleton were laughing so much they helped them out of the hole. Then Mrs. Ghost made it cold then warm. Then Mr. Skeleton snapped his fingers. Then Jake and his dad felt funny, their bodies became green. Brains- they said.





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Gabby Q., Grade 6

"How about this chandelier?" Mom asked, scrolling through Pinterest for ideas to finish redecorating my room as I sat next to her, elbow on the table and fist pressed against my cheek.

It was Sunday morning and I ate my pancakes in slow motion when my phone started to ring. It was from Jonathon, my brother who was at a sleepover.

"Hey, dude, Alec just told me about an old lady that was suddenly able to do cartwheels, it's the curse."

Oh gosh, he wouldn't stop talking about the curse.

It was about a chair that disguised itself into different chairs, and the person that sat on it died and was replaced by a ghost, so many "people" started acting strange because the ghost wasn't sure what to do.

An old lady did cartwheels, chefs made

terrible food, teachers weren't teaching the right things and most recently, the mailmen was mixing up the mail.

And whoever got it last, whatever the ghost touched was infected and the next person that touched whatever surface was automatically cursed.

I was always super nice to adults and I was very respectful, so people would know if I got cursed in a jiffy.

The doorbell rang, and there were a couple big packages.

"It's your comforter, nightstand, and chair," my mother said.

I stopped dead when I heard the word chair.

"OOOOH" my little sister, Eva said.

We thanked the mailman, and my brother got home, and I was nervous about sitting in the chair, but my mom insisted.

I sat in the chair and the first thing I did when I got up was yell at my mom about my ugly room.

"OH MY GOSH!!!" Jonathan screamed.

The End

The Curse of the Witch Plague

By Michael D., Grade 5

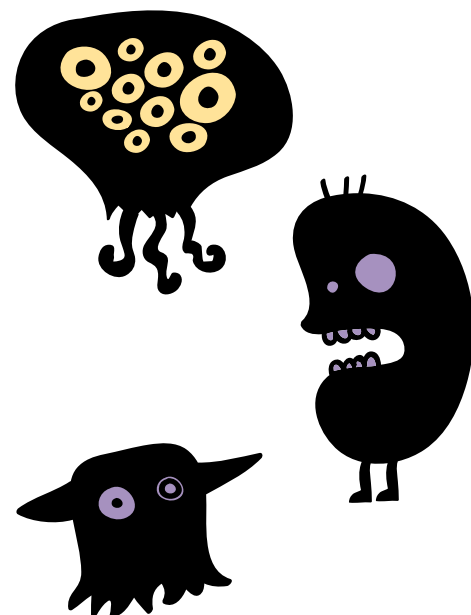
Jim was walking down the alley on his way back from school when he noticed a stranger in the middle of the alleyway. The stranger coughed on him. Jim flinched and started to walk faster.

When he got home his eyes had turned a bright red.

He rushed outside to the alleyway, but the stranger was gone. Then, he heard someone behind him. It was the stranger. She said something strange and a beam of light flew into Jim's chest.

He woke up in dark woods. The lady was sitting in a tree. She murmured a spell and before he knew it a green ball of energy was hurling towards Jim's face. Jim turned around and closed his eyes. He stuck his hand out to stop the energy ball then... he woke up. It was all a dream, Jim thought, in relief he got out of bed.

He went to look in the mirror and his eyes burned a bright red.



The Monster Dance

By Ellen R., Grade 2

When the boys and girls tuck in for the night.

And when the moon is just - I mean just right.

The witch shakes out her broom

As Frankenstein starts a tune.

The vampire throws off his cloak

And the dance floor blasts full of smoke.

The werewolf howls, jumps, and lands in the splits.

Oh no, his underwear needs to be fixed to keep rockin' those hits!

The skeleton rattles her bones

As she boogie-woogies alone.

What a crazy dance party ... the sun begins to rise,

As the boys and girls start to rub their eyes.

The witch turns into a cat,

The vampire turns into a bat,

The werewolf turns into a dog,

And Frankenstein dances with the skeleton into the fog.

Be ready tonight at the end of the day,

When it is that full moon the monsters come put to dance and play!





The Mystery of the Skull Heads

Julia C., Grade 3

A long, long time ago there was a princess named Lily who lived with her two brothers, mom, and dad. They were looking for somewhere to move because their original village was destroyed by bombs at night. They found a new place with an abandoned ark so they decided to walk in. There were picnic tables and all the children sat down. Then the princess came in and her little brother Lucas gave her a piece of birch wood shaped like a skull. To discover more and admire the birch wood, Lilly went alone to a picnic bench where it was nice and quiet. As soon as Lilly sat down she saw that there was a carving of a skull on table that matched the birch wood. Her face seemed to form into the same skull but with red eyes. Her older brother Quinn didn't notice that her head had changed and

laughed at her for being away from all the kids. Lucas ran over and put his arms around her shoulder. He saw Lilly's face but it was too late. Luca's face already began changing into a skull too. Soon the whole village had turned into skull faces. Now they are roaming around in that abandoned village waiting to change more people into their type. Yesterday, I received a text message from my dead mother, it showed a picture of me sleeping - then I knew I wasn't alone.



Untitled

By Ava C., Grade 4

There were 4 kids in a one story house that they just bought. Their names were Meg, Ted, Led and Lily. While they were playing together, they ran into twins who said "Come play with us" in a creepy high pitched whisper. So they ran to the other side of the house but the twins were there and they said again "Come play with us." So they ran to the maid and said "Twins are following us please help us!" But the maid did not know what to do. So they went to their mom and told her "There are twins following us and the maid does not know what to do." Then the mom said "There is no maid." Aaaaaaaahhhhhhhhhh... THE END

The Startling Halloween Surprise

By Elijah B., Grade 8

Once upon a time Gabriel and Asher were watching tv at their house when they heard a big booming sound. They thought it was thunder but it was not. It was a big T rex! The t rex was friendly so he decided to give Gabriel a big hug. Then the t rex decided to carve a pumpkin. But his arms were too small so he asked Gabriel and Asher for help. They helped him carve a puppy pumpkin that they all called a pupkin. Then the t rex made halloween costumes for everyone. That's when Gabriel and Asher realized the T rex was planning a Halloween Party! Their party had spooky

gumbo with potatoes that looked like ghosts, and spooky cookies that looked like werewolves. They had an exciting party until midnight! The end.





SHORT AND SCARY WINNING WRITERS READ THEIR STORIES

Starting Sunday, Oct. 25 • Families (Best for K+)

Be prepared to get scared! Student winners of the Short and Scary Writing Contest share their spooky tales. View at elmlib.org/youtube.

