

Dark Romantics: Write your own Scary Story

Name: _____

Block: _____

Consider the elements in the short stories we read during the Dark Romantics portion of the Romanticism unit:

1. Eerie setting with a wicked history
2. Detailed descriptions of characters
3. Villain described in great detail
4. Dark symbolism
5. Evil Bargain
6. Sinister Quest
7. Gruesome Find
8. A lesson learned
9. Builds Suspense
10. Foreshadowing

DUE: _____

Your job is to write an ORIGINAL scary story that includes AT LEAST 6 of the elements above. Be sure to establish your setting, introduce your characters, introduce the problem, and include the other elements of plot (rising action, climax, falling action, resolution). See the rubric below for grading.

Minimum length: One complete page (front and back)

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