

Young Writers invites you to write a spooky mini saga (a story told in 100 words). Can you include tension, suspense or atmosphere to your tale?

STUDENT INFORMATION

IDEAS & INSPIRATION

-  Use action, description or adventure to start your mini saga
-  Add a cliffhanger or a twist to your tale for a dramatic ending
-  You could briefly describe the weather to help create tension
-  You can be inspired by campfire stories or urban legends but make the story your own!
-  Create a list of spooky places & pick one as a setting for your story
-  What scares you? Use this as inspiration!

TOP TIPS

-  You can write a funny spooky story, it doesn't have to be scary!
-  Remember to check your word count – the limit is 100 words!
-  Make sure your mini saga has a beginning, a middle and an end
-  Use contractions to save words e.g. it is to it's or they are to they're
-  Avoid a long introduction
-  Don't have too many characters – there isn't room for lots of people in your story!

WHAT ARE THE JUDGES LOOKING FOR WHEN PICKING THE WINNERS?

-  An original storyline and characters
-  A complete story with a beginning, middle and end
-  A story that makes sense from beginning to end
-  Imaginative ideas
-  Interesting descriptions and word choices to bring the story to life
-  A clever, unusual or unexpected twist or ending

PRIZES

Our 3 favorite writers will each win a creative writing goody bag.

(Winners will be chosen from entries submitted in Sept-Nov 2023.)

Plus: Every entrant receives a bookmark and all young writers chosen for publication will receive a certificate of merit!

Plus: There are prizes for schools AND your school will receive a free copy of the book their students feature in.

IT'S EASY TO TAKE PART!

-  Your teacher will give you a graphic organizer to write your mini saga on
OR
a login link to your school's Online Writing Portal where you will type your mini saga
-  Write your entry and your teacher will submit it!