

# MURRAY HAUNTED TALES CONTEST

Criteria	Rating (according to appropriate grade-level writing standards)				Points
<b>Creativity</b> Is the story interesting and original?	<b>Yes!</b> 30 pts  Your story was very interesting, and it didn't sound like other scary stories	<b>Some</b> 26 pts  Your story was interesting, but it sounded like other scary stories at some points	<b>Kinda</b> 22 pts  Your story was somewhat interesting, but it sounded like other scary stories at multiple points	<b>Missing</b> 18 pts  Your story wasn't very interesting, and it sounded like other scary stories throughout	/30
<b>Plot</b> Does the story have a clear set of events that unfold, and are they connected?	<b>Yes!</b> 30 pts  Your events are all clear and connected	<b>Some</b> 26 pts  You stray off target a bit, but most of the events are clear and connected	<b>Kinda</b> 22 pts  You have some events, but they are not very well connected	<b>Missing</b> 18 pts  You have few to no events, and they are not connected	/30
<b>Cemetery Theme</b> Does the story include a cemetery in a meaningful way?	<b>Yes!</b> 20 pts  Your story included a cemetery in a meaningful way throughout	<b>Some</b> 18 pts  Your story included a cemetery	<b>Kinda</b> 15 pts  Your story included a cemetery in a minor way	<b>Missing</b> 12 pts  Your story did not include a cemetery	/20
<b>Clarity</b> Does the story avoid grammar and style issues that would make readers not understand it?	<b>Yes!</b> 20 pts  Your story had no grammar or style issues	<b>Some</b> 18 pts  Your story had a few grammar or style issues, but they were minor	<b>Kinda</b> 15 pts  Your story had some grammar or style issues that caused readers to not understand it	<b>Missing</b> 12 pts  Your story had major grammar or style issues that caused readers to not understand it	/20
Total.				/100	