

MURRAY HAUNTED TALES CONTEST

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