

## Halloween Story Writing Prompts: Horror

1. There is a glass scratching sound on your house's windows and you get up out of bed to check it out. You look toward the windows and don't see anything. All of the sudden the glass breaks and something jumps in! What is it and what do you do next?
2. You are a high schooler in between classes. You open up your locker to find a severed head! The head has a note on it that says, "you're next!" What do you do and how do you avoid being next?
3. The zombie apocalypse has begun! Several people you know have already become zombies and now it's a game of survival. What do you do to make sure that you are one of the people left at the end of the movie?
4. You are on vacation with your friends in a strange place. One night, one of your friends disappears and you have a strange suspicion that he's been captured by something. What do you think happened and how do you get out of this situation alive?
5. You have been possessed by the devil! How do you deal with this and how do you make every effort to keep your soul?
6. If you had your choice of becoming any kind of vampire, which one would it be? A Twilight vampire, Buffy vampire, True Blood vampire, etc.? Pick one and tell your story of how you were turned and what resulted from that situation.
7. Write a story in which something extremely un-scary is terrorizing a small town. Try to be original and avoid using things that have already been in other horror or horror comedy stories. Have fun with it!
8. A friend of yours has had an ancient curse levied upon him. What do you do to help and what happens to him throughout the curse?
9. Hell has been unleashed on earth and you are the key to stopping the horrible consequences. What do you do to reverse the problem and what was the reason that this hell descended upon the planet?
10. There are several evil spirits that have taken over your house and part of your neighborhood's block. How do you appease the spirits or get rid of them?

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The greatest attributes of the horror genre are that it plays on some very intense emotions and can paint some of the darkest parts of humanity, spirituality, and fantasy.

**Writing Assignment:** at least 1 page typed, title, double spaced, 12-point font, Times New Roman font style, employs minimum of 4 literary devices (metaphor, simile, personification, alliteration, sensory imagery, onomatopoeia, repetition, rhyme), story line is appropriately rated PG