Horror Short Story Builder Template

Use the images below as inspiration from MoPOP’s exhibits and collection to write a short story following the three-act story structure. Stick with one central conflict or main problem in your story that you resolve by the end.

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| Image 1 | Image 2 | Image 3 |
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| Image 4 | Image 5 | Image 6 |

**Act 1**

Pick an image: [drop down menu of image numbers 1-6]

Write a short **description** of the main character of the story. HINT: Think about who your characters are before your start writing. Know their strengths and flaws.

Who is the main character?: [limit 100 words]

Write a short description of the **setting** of the story. HINT: Set your story somewhere specific and interesting.

What is the setting?: [limit 100 words]

In act one readers are introduced to the setting, the main character, and the start of the plot line. Don’t forget to use the image you picked as inspiration to start the story.

Write: [limit 1,500 words]

**Act 2**

Pick a second image: [drop down menu of image numbers 1-6]

In act 2 the plot continues. Develop the characters further and develop the conflict to the point where it looks like all hope is lost! Use the second image you picked as inspiration for act 2 of the story.

Write: [limit 1,500 words]

**Act 3**

Pick a last image: [drop down menu of image numbers 1—6]

In act 3 the story reaches its climax. Resolve the conflict and bring the story to its resolution. Use the third image you picked as inspiration for act 3 of the story.

Write: [limit 1,500 words]

Author Name:

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Once submitted they will receive a thank you message pop up. (automatically emailed to [education-dept@mopop.org](mailto:education-dept@mopop.org))

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* **Image 1 –** MoPOP Gallery *Scared to Death: The Thrill of Horror Film*
* **Image 2 -** Book of the Dead, featured in *Ash vs. Evil Dead*, Season 2, 2016-2017.
* **Image 3** - Crite from *Critters 2: The Main Course*, 1988. Courtesy of Mick and Cynthia Garris.
* **Image 4** - Stunt stake gun used in *Fright Night*, 2011. Courtesy of Kurt Root.
* **Image 5 -** Bladed glove worn by Freddy Krueger from *A Nightmare on Elm Street,* 1984.
* **Image 6 -** Lament Configuration Box from *Hellraiser: Inferno*, 2000. Courtesy of Kurt Root.