

# FICTIONAL HALLOWEEN THEME STORY

Write a Halloween themed story that incorporates these items:

1. Great introduction that grabs the reader's attention.
2. A plot that makes sense and is believable.
3. Problem and solution –(ex. Trick-or-treaters are being chased by bullies, but at the end the bullies get caught by police)
4. Give it a good ending. –Many students have great stories until the end. They forget that the endings are very important. Endings usually follow after the main problem in the story being solved. Don't just quit because you are tired of writing. Make your ending count.
5. Vivid word choice (lots of adjectives and adverbs that "paint a picture" in the reader's mind)
6. Compound sentences – Use independent and dependent clauses with conjunctions (but, or, as, if, and, yet) and subordinating conjunctions (who, which, where, when, because, when, before).
7. At least one idiom – (ex. The apple didn't fall far from the tree. And then it hit me.)
8. Use new vocabulary from our Language Arts stories in your writing.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Advanced Story Map Worksheet

(Adapted from Gardill & Jitendra, 1999)

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Story Title: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Who is the central character? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the main character like? (Describe his/her key qualities or personality traits)

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3. Who is another important character in the story? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is this other important character like? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Where and when does the story take place? (The setting) \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What is the major problem that the main character is faced with? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. How does the main character attempt to solve this major problem? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What is the twist, surprise, or unexpected development that takes place in the story?

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9. How is the problem solved or not solved? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. What is the theme or lesson of the story? \_\_\_\_\_

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