

Subgenres of the Horror Story

Creative Writing II

Importance of the subgenre



There are many ways to write a horror story.

The tone and atmosphere created within your story is dependent on your subgenre.

The subgenre helps to define what type of horror story you are writing.

The Subgenres



- Thriller-horror
 - Employs a psychological fear to help build the tension/fear
- Gross-out horror
 - Involves very descriptive acts of spurting blood, hacked-up flesh, and organs getting ripped out
 - If this is your thing, tone down the version you give me (needing to keep it school appropriate)
- Classic horror
 - This follows more of the Gothic genre of horror: spooky settings, bone-chilling characters, etc.
- Terror
 - Provokes a feeling of all-pervasive dread