

# GRIM TALES



## STUDENT INFORMATION GUIDE

Be inspired by myths, fairy tales or legends to write your own original story for Young Writers' Grim Tales competition. Write a mini saga, a story in up to 100 words for the opportunity to be published and win amazing prizes (see below). You could write from a different point of view, add a twist or create a brand-new fairy tale. Will everyone live happily ever after? It's up to you!

For more inspiration, download extra resources from  
[www.youngwriters.co.uk/comp/grim](http://www.youngwriters.co.uk/comp/grim)

Check out the video trailer here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=srWqniWjm1A>

### STORY STARTERS

- I couldn't let them get away with it...
- A pair of eyes glowed in the darkness...
- Everyone thought she was so perfect...
- No one was supposed to go inside...
- I had to face my fears...
- You don't know the truth about me...
- "The price must be paid," it hissed...
- I couldn't believe it, my wish had come true...

### WRITING PROMPTS

- You find a mythical creature in your garden.
- A character returns, looking for revenge.
- The hero turns out to be the villain.
- A superstition or warning is ignored with terrible consequences.
- You make friends with the monster under the bed.
- The villain tells their side of the story.
- A character is cursed when they try to do something good.
- An iPhone grants wishes with unexpected consequences.

### IT'S EASY TO TAKE PART

1. Your teacher will give you a worksheet to plan and write your piece (either printed or a Word doc).

Or a link to your school's online writing portal where you will log in and type your work.

2. Get writing! When you're finished, make sure your name is on it, and hand it in to your teacher.

### PRIZES

**1<sup>st</sup> place writer will win an iPad Mini & a trophy!**

**Plus 4 runners-up will win £50 & a trophy.**



Every entrant receives a bookmark and those chosen for publication will also receive a certificate of merit.

### When will you hear from us?

Letters for anyone chosen to be published will be sent to your teacher by the end of May. The winners will be chosen once all the books are published in the summer.

Hand in to your teacher by: