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Crime or Ghost or Horror Story

Write in sentences.

AUTHOR / EDITOR

TITLE

PUBLISHER

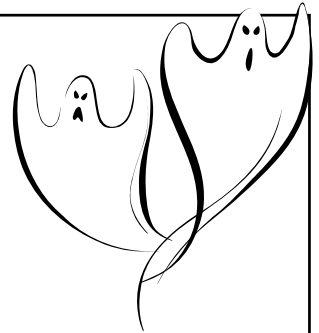
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Choose a crime, ghost or horror novel.
Read the book BEFORE you fill in the task sheet. Read the task sheet carefully.
Support your answers with at least **two** reasons.

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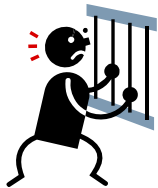
Think back to reading the book and think about what you thought would happen at certain points of the story.

1. What were your expectations of the book? When you first chose the book, what did you think it was going to be about? (Clues to the story: cover, blurb, first chapter)



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2. By the middle of the book, did the book meet your initial expectations? Give reasons for your answer using examples of what happened in the story up to then.



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3. What did you think the ending would be like? Were you right or wrong in your predictions? Give examples to explain your answer.



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4. What did you like or dislike about this genre? Why?

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5. Which particular feature of this genre did you like? Why?

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6. Might you read more of this genre? Why?

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Features of Crime / Murder / Mystery

May contain some, but not necessarily all of the following elements:

- ⇒ Plot is centred around a crime or murder
- ⇒ Detective or other character investigating
- ⇒ Solving a crime
- ⇒ Outcome is not known until the very end of the story
- ⇒ Identity of the murderer / criminal is not known until the end
- ⇒ Problem to be solved
- ⇒ Builds suspense

Some Suggested Authors

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| Kevin Brooks | Nigel Hinton | Malcolm Rose |
| Agatha Christie | Anthony Horowitz | Mark Walden |
| Terrance Dicks | Robert Leeson | |
| Sir Arthur Conan Doyle | Ruth Rendall | |

Features of Ghost / Horror

May contain some, but not necessarily all of the following elements:

- ⇒ Supernatural
- ⇒ Evokes fear, terror, dread, suspense
- ⇒ Monsters such as vampires, werewolves
- ⇒ Ghosts – friendly or unfriendly
- ⇒ Human character(s)
- ⇒ Good vs evil
- ⇒ Often a lone character
- ⇒ Set in our world and reality
- ⇒ Starts off normal
- ⇒ Dark places
- ⇒ Safe to scary

Some Suggested Authors

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| Vivian Alcock | Dennis Pepper | Robert Louis Stevenson |
| J. H. Brennan | Christopher Pike | R. L. Stine |
| Susan Hill | Edgar Allan Poe | Bram Stoker |
| Anthony Horowitz | Susan Price | Robert Swindells |
| M. R. James | Darren Shan | Robert Westall |