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Spooky Stories

“The Legend of Sleepy Hollow,” written by Washington Irving, and retold in *Storyworks* by Mack Lewis is a classic ghost story. Why do we call it that? Ghost stories are a genre, the word for a type of story with similar features. While ghost stories includes many different plotlines, some elements reappear and help us identify the type of story we’re reading. In this activity, you will find examples of four elements of a ghost story from “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.”

Directions: Read *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* and fill in each box with examples from the play of each element of the ghost story genre listed below.

<p>1. The story is meant to be scary.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>3. Suspense builds throughout the story, giving the story a creepy, unsettling tone.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>2. The story includes a supernatural figure, like a ghost.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>4. There’s an event in which a human character encounters a supernatural one.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>