Year 8 Horror Writing

Sticky Knowledge New Terminology and Vocabulary	Sticky Knowledge	Reading Suggestions	<u>KS4</u>
Techniques employed by film directors and writers	Horror Genre Conventions		
A false sense of security – the writer makes everything seem safe	*Emphasis on shocking and scaring the reader	Strange Star – Emma	Story telling elements
when in reality it is not	*Action and setting are key to creating drama	Carroll	of Paper 1
Anticipating the worst – the reader is expecting something terrible	*Lots of fast and quick events		
and they don't know when it will happen	*Number of different characters – easily disposable	Mister Creecher –	KS5 and further
Dramatic irony – when the audience knows something the	*Focus on physical horror – body / blood / violence	Chris Priestley	Genre study
characters don't			define study
Empty space – the writer makes the setting empty so that we think	Gothic Horror Genre Conventions	Uncle Montague's	Madia study
nothing can affect our main character	*Emphasis on creating terror in the reader	Tales of Terror – Chris	Media study
Jump scares – this is when – BANG -you get a shock suddenly	*Women tend to be terrorised by a male figure	Priestley	
without any build up	*Fewer characters but the setting plays a larger part-	1101	
Mise-en-scene – everything that is in the scene / setting –how	almost a character in itself	<u>Local Context</u>	Cultural Capital
things are placed	*Focus		
Nonlinear sounds – these are sound effects that don't fit in with the	5 Key Elements of Gothic		Frankenstein -
story – they seem odd	1] Gloomy setting – castles, forests, towers, remote places,	Local ghost stories	Shelley
Red herring – a false clue designed to put us on the wrong path of	graveyard, tombs		
what is really happening	2] <u>Stock characters</u> – tyrant, maiden, madwoman, maniac,	Oral storytelling	Red Room – H.G.
Slow Reveal – this is when the writer reveals a key piece of	femme fatale, evil monk/nun	, -	Wells
information slowly and one bit at a time	3] Foreboding signs – omens, dreams, visions, storms,		
Stock Character – an easily recognised, and predictable, character	moon		Dracula – Bram
for the genre – we can easily tell who they are from clothes and	4] The Supernatural – ghosts, monster, vampires,		Stoker
behaviour	werewolves, strange events		Stokei
Subverting expectations – when the writer breaks the rules of what	5] Overwrought emotions – terror, madness, mental		The Tell Tells Heavit
we expect to happen in the story	anguish, fury, passion, curiosity		The Tell-Tale Heart –
Suspense – a feeling of being anxious or excited, but unsure of the			Edgar Allan Poe
reasons why	Ghost Story Genre Conventions		
Twist – this is a reveal and it changes everything we know about a	*Emphasis on creating an unsettled feeling in the reader		
character or story	*Emphasis on thoughts / feelings / questions	Links to other	Deeper Thinking
Underexposure – where the writer using lighting / darkness to	*Pace is slow and events build up and increase slowly	subjects	How is the taste in
Unreliable narrator – the reader thinks they can trust the narrator	*One main protagonist – often male, intelligent and in a	<u> subjects</u>	genre and fiction
but they cannot and they mislead them	respectable occupation *Events are small and often easily rationalised	History Industrial	affected by historical
	·	History – Industrial	·
Nice to leave	*The protagonist questions their sanity and state of mind	Revolution /	events?
Nice to know		Victorians	
Different types of unreliable narrator			
How horror and gothic horror has changed over time			
 The different subgenres 			