



Year 9 Metalanguage List

Genre Study - Horror

Terms		Definitions
1	wail	A prolonged, inarticulate, mournful cry, usually high-pitched or clear-sounding, as in grief or suffering
2	terrifying	To fill with terror or alarm; make greatly afraid
3	poltergeist	A ghost or other supernatural being, supposedly responsible for physical disturbances such as making loud noises and throwing objects about
4	entomb	To bury, inter, place in a tomb
5	vile	Wretchedly bad, repulsive or disgusting; filthy and foul
6	writhe	To twist the body about, or squirm, as in pain
7	genre	A style or category of film, art, music or literature
8	fiendish	Devilish, cruel and wicked
9	agony	Extreme and generally prolonged pain
10	spooky	Eerie, scary
11	demon	An evil spirit or devil, especially one thought to possess a person or act as a tormentor
12	torture	The act of inflicting excruciating pain, as punishment or revenge, or for sheer cruelty
13	apparition	A supernatural appearance of a person or thing, especially a ghost
14	horror	An overwhelming and painful feeling caused by something frightfully shocking, terrifying or revolting; a shuddering fear
15	psychotic	Relating to, denoting, or suffering from a psychosis; mad; insane; disturbed; frenzied, manic
16	cadaverous	Haggard, thin and pale like a corpse
17	horrendous	Shocking and dreadful, horrible
18	rot	To decay
19	zombie	The body of a dead person given the semblance of life, but mute and will-less, by a supernatural force, usually for some evil purpose
20	gruesome	Causing great horror, grisly