

Subject	English
Unit/Topic	Year 8 - Gothic Literature

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Gothic	A genre of fiction that uses features such as darkness and the supernatural to create tension.
Antagonist	A person who is hostile to someone; a villain.
Setting	Where and when a story takes place.
Supernatural	The idea that there are mysterious forces controlling what is happening in our lives.
Genre	The type of story being told.
Pathetic fallacy	Giving human emotions to something not human; often used to describe the environment.
Tension	A way a writer grabs and holds a reader's attention.
Pace	The speed at which a story moves or is told.
Structure	The organisation and order of a text.
Narrative focus	What the writer is focusing the reader's attention on.
Emotive language	Language that is used to evoke an emotional response from the reader.
Foreboding	A feeling/implying something bad will happen.