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Goosebumps

by R.L. Stine

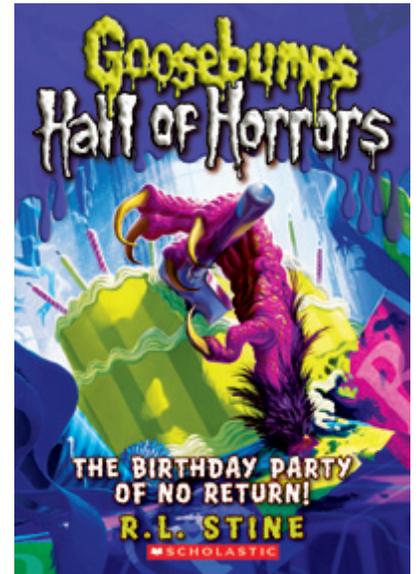
Spine-tingling Storytelling Fun

Get ready to have some downright frightening fun with R.L. Stine's Goosebumps books! Transform your classroom into the perfect setting for a spooky storytelling adventure. Gather an ample supply of scary spiders, cotton webbing, and bony skeletons. Have your students decorate the classroom in preparation for an indoor 'camp-out'!

Cut apart the page of words provided, or have your class brainstorm their own eerie list. Place them in a large bowl. Work together to generate a hair-raising 'hook' with which to begin your class story. Pass the bowl around the room and have everyone choose a word. Each student will use their word to generate a sentence that they will add to the spine-chilling class story. As each student completes the task, the story will grow, and the tale will take on a life of its own! You may even choose to record the students' story and replay it once it is completed. Be sure to turn out the lights for this spooky storytelling exercise. And don't forget to supply your class with some flashlights and s'mores for the creepiest 'camp-out' ever!

Producing a Shadow Play

Students can create their favorite Goosebumps characters using construction paper and Popsicle sticks. Then, they can write an original script, or create a new chapter for their favorite characters to perform. Encourage students to put on a shadow play for their classmates by simply placing a large white sheet across a table. Position several flashlights behind the white sheet. For the performance, the puppeteers should stand between the light source and the sheet. The audience is sure to get chills watching their favorite Goosebumps characters star in frightful new situations.



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Dear Journal

Everyone has been scared out of his or her wits at one time or another. Have students write a journal entry about a time when they were frightened. Encourage them to use descriptive language and vivid verbs. Share entries with one another.

Questions to Ponder Before Reading Goosebumps

- Do you think that facing your fears can make you a stronger person? Why or why not?
- What scares you?
- Who is your favorite 'scary' book character? Why?

Questions to Ponder During and After Reading Goosebumps

- Why do you think that R.L. Stine's Goosebumps books are so popular?
- Suppose you could meet any of the creepy Goosebumps characters. Which one would you most like to meet? Why?
- What do you like best about R.L. Stine's style of writing? Is it his fast-paced, short chapters? Maybe it's the way he leaves you hanging on the edge of your seat, waiting to see what happens next? Could it be the way he uses humor and seems to know just how kids think and act?

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Mask	Mummy	Cave	Stairs
Slithered	Laughed	Cried	Crept
Startled	Dripped	Begged	Flew
Ben	Amy	Jose	Serena
Bones	Tomb	Clouds	Fog
Joke	Trick	Silence	Wish