


Haunted Places in the U.S.

4th
Grade

What began as a hobby has now become my torment.

WRITE THIS BY CANDLELIGHT, in the wee hours of the morning. The autumn air outside howls, and my hands can't help but to tremble from fear...



 In which paragraph does the action in this illustration appear?

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Captions give more information on an illustration or photograph.


Caption the photo based on information from the text.



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STILL STANDING, but after 150 years, barely so. For decades, people have claimed to see the ghost of a woman walking by the old barn...



 **Glossaries** are like dictionaries for nonfiction books.

- dire:** the worst.
- disturbed:** disrupted.
- eerie:** strange and upsetting.
- estimated:** made a good guess.
- eternity:** forever.
- linger:** stay.
- tormenting:** causing someone annoyance or pain.

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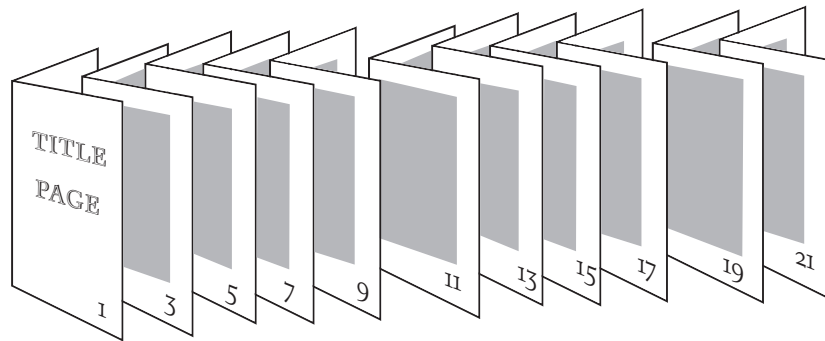
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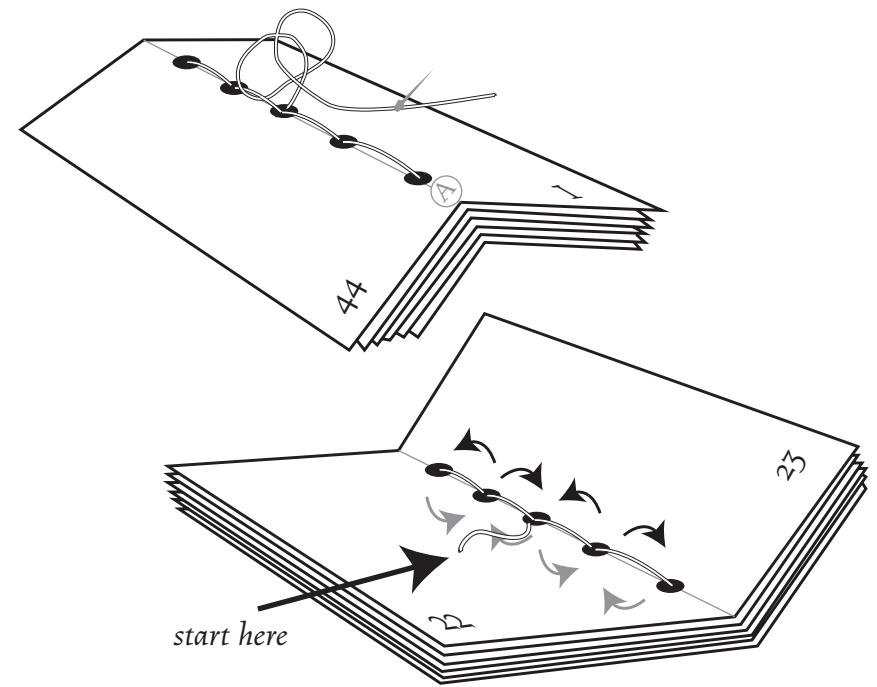
Directions




PRINT THE PAGES DOUBLE SIDED. Fold each page along the gray line. The gray line and capital letter should be the *outside* edge. Nest the pages into each other, like in the diagram, with page A on the outside, and page K on the inside.

The pages can be bound with a booklet stapler, or sewn together in a style called saddle stitch. Saddle stitching is an easy, handsome, and sturdy way to bind your book. See the directions to the right for a simple diagram on saddle stitching. There are also several great video tutorials online.

Saddle Stitching



BEGIN BY PUNCHING five small holes along the center crease of the booklet using a thumb tack. Thread a length of sturdy thread through a needle, but do not knot it. Starting with the center hole—leaving about two inches of thread on the inside crease—sew through the holes up to the top, down to the bottom, then ending in the middle. The thread should be on the back side of the booklet now. Make a knot in the place shown on the diagram to the right. Push the needle and thread back through the center hole, and pull the knot to the inside of the crease. To finish it, knot the two remaining ends of the thread and cut off most of the remainder. You should end up with a tightly bound, saddle stitched booklet!

 This book was assembled from the scattered manuscripts and illustrations that are still the only remains of Dr. Warren and Dr. Goodblood.

The typefaces used in this book were designed by Oldřich Menhart—an equally obsessed, though less doomed, artist from former Czechoslovakia.

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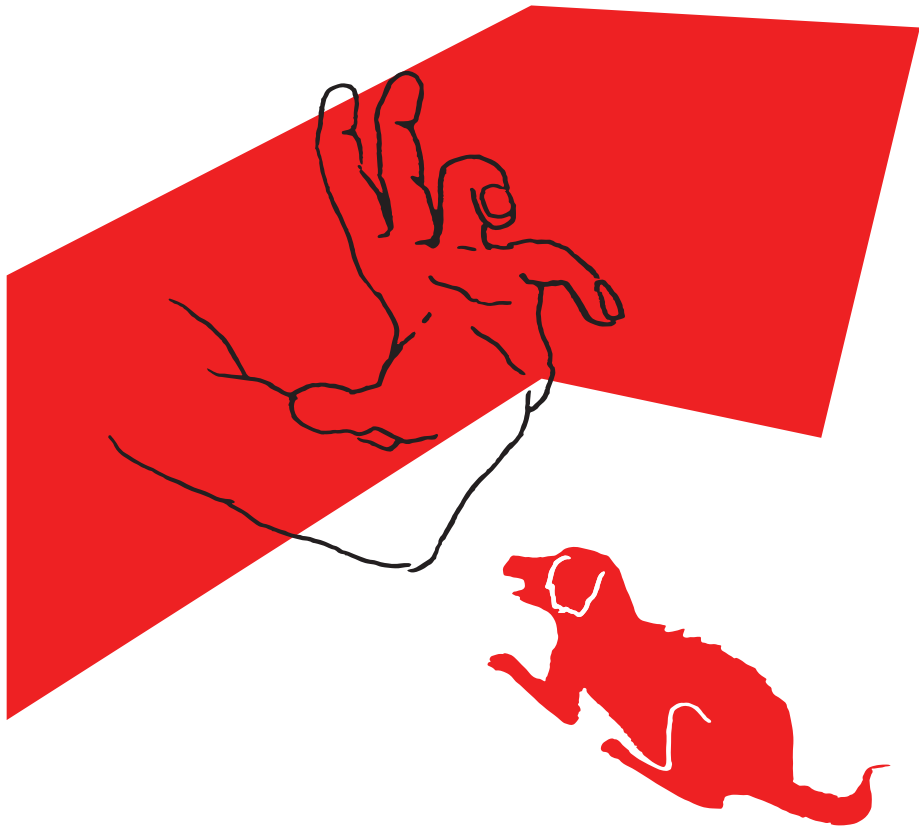
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After completing this book, think of a good subtitle to sum it up. Write it on the blank lines.



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portrait of Dr. Hyland Warren by Dr. Allston Goodblood

On what pages would you find information about the Civil War?

What topics are covered on page 8?

Does this book have any information about perfume?
Where would you find it?



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Indexes are used to look up topics featured in a text. Read this short index of important concepts from the book and answer the questions.

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On what page would you find information about Florida?

What information is on page 30?

If you wanted to know about Charts and Graphs, what page would you turn to?



Ohio

Captions

Captions give more information on an illustration or photograph. Caption the photo based on information from the text.

SWIFT'S HOLLOW

Many legends surround the Swift's Hollow site in Vermillion, Ohio. People say an orphanage once stood on the site, and in the 1800s, a fire burned it down. There are no records of a fire, or even an orphanage, at the property, but people come from all over Ohio to explore this spooky spot. Some say if you stay long enough, you'll hear the cries of the children who lost their home in the fire...

OLD XENIA ROAD WOODS

Off Old Xenia Road are the remains of an old barn, still standing, but after 150 years, barely so. For decades, people have claimed to see the ghost of a woman walking by the old barn. Those brave enough to go into the house have heard—sometimes seen—children playing.

BEAVER CREEK PARK

Beaver Creek Park is home to many legends, and one of the most famous concerns the ghost of Esther Hale. Esther Hale was a young woman madly in love with a local man. They planned a beautiful wedding, to take place where the park now stands...but when the day came, he never arrived. Though her friends told her not to, she waited for him. She kept her house exactly as it was so that it would be ready for him when he finally arrived, and she never took off her wedding dress. Every year on the day of her wedding, she will appear to visitors, still wearing her wedding dress.



If you know what a ghost is, what do you think the word "ghostly" means?

Look at the use of "tormenting" on page 32. Do you think it means annoyance or pain?

Find one more word in the book you don't know. Use a dictionary to find its meaning and write it below.

Word: _____

Definition: _____



Glossary

Glossaries are like dictionaries for non-fiction books. Read the list of key words and phrases below, then answer the questions at the bottom.

- ABANDONED: no longer used
APPARITIONS: the appearance of ghosts or phantoms
ARCHAEOLOGISTS: those who study prehistoric people and culture
ATMOSPHERE: mood or feeling of a place
CHILLING: causing a feeling of fear
CURSED: under a curse, hex, or charm
DIRE: the worst
DISTURBED: disrupted
EERIE: strange and upsetting
ESTIMATED: made a good guess
ETERNITY: forever
GHASTLY: shocking or scary
GHOST: the spirit of dead person
HAUNTED: occupied by ghosts
LEGEND: a story passed down through a society or culture
LINGER: stay
MATERIALIZE: appear
MOURNFUL: sad
MYSTERIOUS: unexplainable or difficult to understand
RENOVATE: to restore, update, or change
RURAL: far from a city or town
SPIRIT: a supernatural being
SUPERNATURAL: not natural and unexplainable
TATTERED: torn; worn-out; ragged
TEEMING: filled with
TORMENTING: causing someone annoyance or pain
TRIAL: A meeting in which a judge and jury decide whether a criminal is guilty or innocent
VESSEL: a vehicle that travels on water
WEIRD: strange or unusual





Indiana

Sidebars

Sidebars give extra information about a subject. Match the sidebars to the correct paragraph. This sidebar can be pasted over.

WILLARD LIBRARY

“The Grey Lady” is the resident ghost of the Willard Library. This spectral vision appears to visitors quite often, in person and even in photographs. Some think it’s the ghost of Louise Carpenter, the daughter of the man who started the library. Library patrons and staff say books will change places, doors open and close, and faucets turn on and off. They’ll also smell a strong perfume.

WHITE LICK CREEK

The bridge at White Lick Creek is said to be haunted by the ghost of a worker that helped build it. After the bridge was built, people began to hear screams in the woods nearby, and the sounds of a busy construction site as well. Even after the bridge was torn down, visitors say they still hear strange noises where the bridge used to be.

DUNES STATE PARK

Alice Gray was the daughter of a wealthy doctor. After losing the love of her life, she left behind high society and began living in a run-down shack on Indiana’s lonely, deserted sand dunes, only walking into town to get food and supplies. Some say her spirit still walks the dunes in search of her true love. Today, people call her ghost “Diana of the Dunes.”

Bonus: What about Alice reminded people of the goddess Diana?

have seen unfamiliar faces after dark; usually sailors that stayed at the Admiral Fell long ago. Housekeeping staff tread lightly around room 413, which they say puts off an eerie energy. After spending a while in the room, housekeepers will suddenly get the strange feeling that someone is standing right behind them, or feel a soft breeze as if someone has walked by. But when they turn around...no one is there.

POINT LOOKOUT LIGHTHOUSE

Point Lookout is the southernmost point on Maryland’s eastern shore. The lighthouse is no longer used, but many ghosts make it their home.

Point Lookout was the site of a prison during the Civil War, and visitors often notice a man in a tattered, worn uniform near the road. People think he is the ghost of a prisoner who tried to escape from the prison. When approached or asked what he is doing, he doesn’t respond. He just darts back and forth across the road, eternally struggling for freedom.

People have also come across the ghost of Ann Davis, the wife of the lighthouse’s first keeper. Those who have seen her first notice her long blue dress, and say that, if you enter some rooms, a faint female voice will hiss at you: “This is my home. Get out!”



Maryland

Subheadings

Subheadings give additional information about a text. Write a subheading for each paragraph.

Example:

ANTIETAM
Civil War spirits still wander

In this case, the heading is in capitals, and the subheading is in italic.

ANTIETAM

Civil War spirits still wander

The battle at Antietam was one of the worst of the Civil War. Visitors often smell gunpowder and hear faint battle cries, which is exactly what happened to a group of kids on a field trip. One day, three boys on a field trip were walking around the battlefield, standing near where the Irish Brigade once staged a famous charge. Out of nowhere, they heard a voice sing a strange song in another language, with a chorus that reminded them of “Deck the Halls”: “Fa la la la, la la la la...”

When they told the staff, they said Irish soldiers would sometimes cry “Faugh a Balaugh!” or “Clear the way!” before charging.

FORT MCHENRY

The fort that inspired the Star-Spangled Banner is haunted by the ghost of Major George Brown. Workers say the fort has a sad, heavy atmosphere, and they often feel uncomfortable there alone.

One worker, trying to break up the uneasy feeling, would end his day by saying “Goodnight, George!” as loudly as he could before leaving every night. One night, he forgot to say goodbye. When he opened the door to leave, it suddenly slammed shut, ripped straight from his hand. Then, he was pushed away from the door with great force. “Uh...goodbye, George!” he shouted. The door slowly creaked open.

ADMIRAL FELL INN

For years, guests and staff at the Admiral Fell Inn



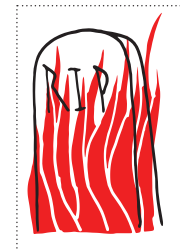
Cut out this page and these sidebars, and paste them next to the story they relate to. Cut-outs for the following Texas chapter are printed here as well.

The bridge was originally built so that the railroad could pass over the creek. Railroads were a huge part of American life in the 19th century, connecting communities from all over the country. The first cross-country railroad in America was opened in 1869.

Libraries are older than you think—archaeologists have discovered the remains of ancient book collections from as far back as 2600 B.C. However, libraries were usually used and owned by one person, or were run by a church or school and were not open to everyone. The first public libraries were opened in the 1800s in Europe.

Why Diana?
Alice Gray got her nickname from the Roman goddess Diana, who lived in the wild.

TEXAS CUT-OUTS





In which paragraph does the action in this illustration appear?

- A. The first paragraph
- B. The eighth paragraph
- C. The third paragraph



 What does this illustration represent?

Texas



Maps

Label the map on the following pages. Use the cut-outs from the previous page and add them to the map.

THE ALAMO

One of Texas' most famous landmarks is home to the ghosts of soldiers that fought there, with sightings that began just weeks after the final battle that made it famous. Over the years, people at the Alamo in San Antonio have heard footsteps, ghostly music, and seen a young boy that appears and reappears in the upstairs window. Legend has it the boy was evacuated during the siege of the Alamo, and in the panic he became separated from his parents. He sometimes returns to the spot where he last saw his parents, watching out the window, hoping they will come back for him.

THE GROVE

The Grove, in the East Texas town of Jefferson, has a history of hauntings that goes back more than 100 years. While the stories that surround this historic building are not the most famous, they might be the most chilling. In the early 20th century, the property's owner, Louise Young, started to notice strange things happening in the home. For a long time, the odd occurrences didn't worry her—strange smells or weird sounds, but nothing that made her feel unsafe—but as she got older, they became more and more frightening. When darkness fell, she would see people walking around in her garden...but when she turned on the light, no one was there.

PATTERSON ROAD

Patterson Road in Houston supposedly runs right through the site of a forgotten Civil War battle, and the spirits of the soldiers that once fought there have made their home. If you stop your car on the road and wait long enough, you will start to hear soft tapping noises all around your car. Visitors say these are spirits trying to get your attention.

Texas



name was Kate, and it wasn't just her, but an entire family of ghosts that had resigned to haunt the Bells. The activity only subsided three years later, in 1821. To this day, strange whispers and mysterious lights are seen in the forest around the old Bell farm.

Near where the home used to stand is a dark, dank cave. Many believe that when the witch tired of tormenting the Bell family, she retreated to the cave, where she still hides to this day.

THE WHITE BLUFF SCREAMER

The legend goes that some time in the 1920s, a man and his family moved into a house near a little hollow in the woods of White Bluff. Every night, they'd wake up to the sound of terrible wailing, as if a person or animal was in pain. After many weeks of this, the man finally went outside to find out what was making the noise. He climbed to the top of the highest hill and searched the area...to find that the noise was echoing all around him.

The screams are still heard today, and locals call it the White Bluff Screamer. No one knows exactly what causes it, but if you enter the hollow, you'll see a white, misty apparition form, and soon hear a chorus of terrible, piercing shrieks.



Tennessee

Illustrations

Illustrations provide visual information. Look at the illustrations on the following pages and answer the questions about them.

THE BELL WITCH

Tennessee's most famous haunt is undoubtedly the Bell Witch. In 1804, farmers John and Lucy Bell moved their family from North Carolina to the town of Adams, Tennessee. They lived there for many happy years until one morning, in 1817, John noticed an odd-looking animal in his field. When he went outside to get a better look at it, the creature disappeared. This struck him as strange, but he didn't think much more about it after that.

Soon after, the family began hearing noises at night—scratching on the floors, a loud tapping on the walls, and the sound of chains being dragged on the floors above them. Soon after that, the children began waking up with mysterious bruises and cuts on them.

Weeks went on, and every night, noises disturbed their sleep, and the kids continued to get hurt. Not much later, the children began seeing a woman walking in and out of the trees in their orchard early in the morning. The noises increased from bumps in the night to mournful whispers and moans, but were always too quiet to make out. Nights and nights went by, and soon they took on the sound of an old woman singing softly to herself.

Finally, a year later, John told his friend James about what was happening to his family. His friend agreed to spend the night to help put the Bell family at ease.

That night, the voices came strong and loud. Terrified, James leapt out of bed and screamed at the spirits: "Who are you, and why are you here?" The voices stopped, and the house went silent again. The next morning, he insisted that John call a priest to drive the spirits away.

The voices would have none if it. It mocked every priest, preacher, and man of the cloth who came to the property. Eventually, one discovered that the spirit's





Michigan

Illustrations

Illustrations provide visual information. Add illustrations to the page to show important details from each paragraph.

HENDERSON CASTLE

Mr. Frank Henderson spared no expense while building this American castle for his family...and according to many folks, he never wanted to leave his precious home. Though it's now a bed and breakfast inn, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson are said to still dwell there, along with a little girl, a soldier, and even a dog! Guests who have stayed the night say the spirits sometimes communicate by turning on appliances, touching folks on the shoulder, and sometimes appearing right before their eyes.

THE PAULDING LIGHT

Is this the work of spirits, or something science can explain? In the valley outside Paulding, a bright, glowing light appears over the hills at night. Some blame it on the headlights of passing cars...others think that a railroad once passed through the area, and it's the glow of a ghostly lantern that belongs to the spirit of a brakeman.

MACKINAC ISLAND

Strange things happen all over Mackinac Island, located in Lake Huron. A hotel on the island is home to the ghost of a former student, Harvey, left over from when the building was a school. Harvey was in love with another student at the school, but when he proposed to her, she said no. He now roams the halls, searching for love. Harvey sometimes appears to tourists, playing practical jokes on visitors.

Just then, a huge bolt of lightning struck the house and passed through the front window.

The house still stands today, and now, every time it rains, the Russellville Girl's ghostly face appears in the glass. No matter how hard the owners scrub and scrape, the image remains. Some owners boarded it up, and the most recent owners have painted over the window. But underneath the wood and paint, the Russellville Girl's shocked, scared face is still there...

BOBBY MACKEY'S MUSIC WORLD

Spirits come from all over the county to hang out at Bobby Mackey's Music World, a popular country-music club in Wilder. The joint's most famous haunt is Pearl Bryan, a local woman who lived there in the late 1800s. Though there are several ghosts that dwell there, Pearl is the only headless apparition...

Staff and guests also frequently meet a ghost named Johanna, who makes her presence known by the smell of her favorite rose perfume. Sometimes, the jukebox will turn on by itself and play very old songs—songs that aren't in the jukebox at all.



Read the timeline of Kentucky's history below. Choose an event from each of the above stories and add them to the timeline.





Kentucky

Timelines

Timelines help give order to a series of events. Read the paragraphs and fill in the timeline below.

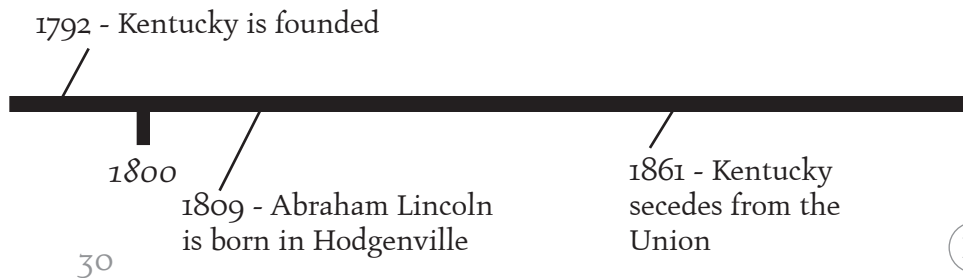
WAVERLY HILLS SANATORIUM

Tuberculosis was one of the worst diseases of the 1800s and early 1900s. So many people got sick with TB that they had to build special hospitals for them. One of them was the Waverly Hills Sanatorium in Kentucky, and it's said to be one of the most haunted buildings in America. Though it's been abandoned since the 1980s, ghost hunters say it's teeming with the spirits of former patients, who walk, wail, and moan, and turn lights on and off, even though the building has no power...

THE RUSSELLVILLE GIRL

Many years ago—most people say it was the 1950s—a teenage girl was waiting in the living room of her family home, waiting for her boyfriend to pick her up for the school dance. The sky looked stormy, and she became nervous that it would rain. She wrung her hands, wishing aloud that it would stay dry just for one more night, but alas, the first few drops of rain began to fall.

She hoped the rain wouldn't be a problem for him, and she began to wait nervously by the front window, hoping to see his headlights coming around the corner.





California

Key Words

Sometimes, important words in a text are called out with special type. Read the paragraphs and answer the information about key words.

USS HORNET

Docked in Alameda, the *U.S.S. Hornet* saw lots of action and adventure during its time as a Naval vessel. It was later turned into a museum. Almost as soon as it became a museum, staff began to notice weird things going on. Doors would open and close on their own, things would go missing and then reappear days later, appliances would turn on and off...and sailors, in full uniform, would be seen moving around the ship after the museum had closed for the night.

THE WINCHESTER HOUSE

In 1884, Sarah Winchester, the widow of gun maker William Winchester, bought a farmhouse in San Jose, which was then a tiny town, and began turning it into a beautiful mansion. However, she didn't stop there—at night, she claimed to be visited by the spirits of the people her husband's guns had hurt. She ordered the workers to keep building the house bigger and bigger; building fake windows, doors to nowhere, and twisting, turning staircases to trick the ghosts that lived with her in the home. It is *estimated* that there are about 160 rooms in the home, but their layout is so jumbled that, even today, no one really knows for sure how many there are.

THE WHALEY HOUSE

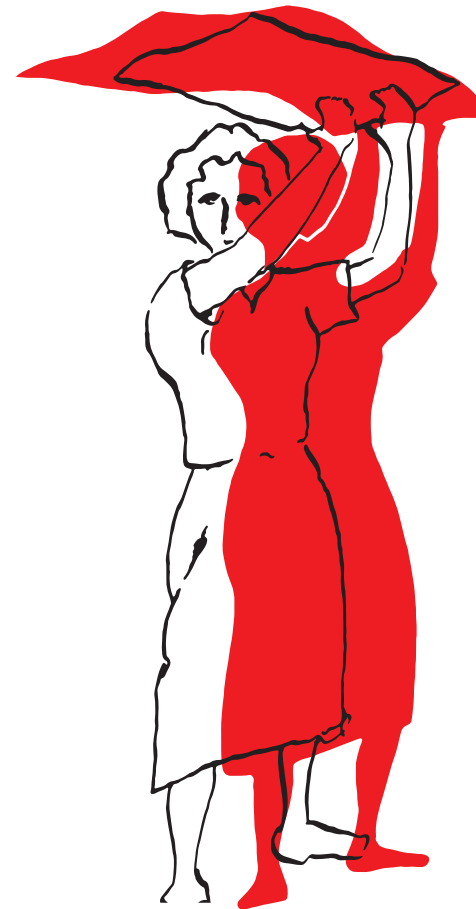
The Whaley House is said to be the most haunted house in California. Once the county courthouse, the building was bought by the Whaley family in 1857. As soon as they moved in, they began hearing footsteps coming from empty rooms and stairwells. Most believe the footsteps are made by the ghost of "Yankee Jim" Robinson, a criminal who was once put on *trial* in the courthouse. The ghosts of the Whaley family sometimes make appearances, too.

self hasn't greeted a ship since 1931, sailors who pass by in the dark of night say they have seen her statue come to life, waving as she once did for the many men who sailed into Savannah.



Headings

- THE WAVING GIRL
- KENNESAW HOUSE
- THE PIRATE'S HOUSE





Georgia

Headings

A heading is like a title for a section of text. Write the correct heading for each piece of informational text.

The Kennesaw House still sits next to the train tracks, looking almost as it did during its heyday. Once a cotton warehouse, then a restaurant, the Kennesaw House served as a makeshift hospital for wounded soldiers during the Civil War. The ghosts of injured patients still wander, looking for peace. When people go down to the basement, they are greeted by a ghostly hospital scene, full of ghostly cries of pain.

Once a favorite meeting place for sailors, The Pirate's House has been standing since 1753—the oldest building in Savannah. But since it was near the water, it attracted pirates, thieves, and other seedy types, and it was not uncommon for men to go missing after a night at the Pirate's House. Some say the missing men never left, and eerie footsteps and apparitions are heard and seen in The Pirate's House after all the living have left for the day.

The Pirate's House is also connected to some mysterious underground tunnels—to this day, no one knows for sure what they were used for. Perhaps this is where the missing men disappeared to...

At the port of Savannah stands a statue called "The Waving Girl," built in memory of Florence Martus. Florence lived with her brother, a lighthouse keeper, on a nearby island. Though she loved her brother, living on an island made her lonely. To pass the time, she and her dog would go to the waterfront every day to greet the ships as they came in. Though Florence her-



What do you think these words mean? Check the glossary on page 38 for the answers.

VESSEL:

- A. a decoration.
- B. a craft for traveling on water.
- C. a soldier.

ESTIMATED:

- A. guessed.
- B. known.
- C. understood.

TRIAL:

- A. A kind of stepstool.
- B. A stage.
- C. A meeting in which a judge and jury decide whether a criminal is guilty or innocent.





Wisconsin

Footnotes

Footnotes give extra information about a topic. Read the paragraphs and answer the questions.

SUMMERWIND MANSION

Now in ruins on the shore of West Bay Lake, Summerwind was once a beautiful home for a the family of Robert P. Lamont.¹ After 15 years of living there, the Lamont family left suddenly, leaving everything behind.

After 40 years of being nearly empty, a new family, the Hinshaws, moved in for good. Almost instantly, they noticed weird things happening in the house: spooky shadows, objects missing—but nothing that made them suspect the supernatural. They had hired workmen to renovate the home, but many of them quit, without giving any reason why. Frustrated, Mr. Hinshaw decided to start making the repairs himself. One day, while working on a closet, he discovered a secret compartment behind one wall. He was too big to fit into the space, so he called his daughter to take a look. When she went inside, she found a skull and hair! She couldn't tell if they were the bones of an animal or a human, but she wasn't going to find out. They closed up the compartment and didn't speak of it again.

A few years later, the Hinshaws moved out. After they had left, local police went to the house to try to find the skull, but when they, the only people to look inside in many years, opened the compartment...the skull was gone.

THE IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

In the small town of Amery, there's an old church on the side of a country road. The church was built in 1870, and was a meeting place for the local Norwegian immigrants for many years.²

Over the years, people have heard strange things happen in this church—whispered voices coming from the pews; the joyful sounds of a church social in the basement—but the strangest things happen in the

Alabama



The Main Idea

Main ideas in text are sometimes highlighted by bold, italicized, or underlined text. Underline or circle the sentence that best sums up each paragraph.

ADAMS GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Located in rural Adams County, the Adams Grove Presbyterian Church is an abandoned church that sits among the trees, almost hidden by the forest that surrounds it. No one knows when people stopped coming to the church, but it has been abandoned for decades upon decades.


Since Alabama was the site of much Civil War activity, some say the ghost of a Confederate soldier wanders the grounds and barks at intruders to leave his property. During thunderstorms, a man dressed all in black is said to appear in the doorway. If you try to walk closer, he disappears right before your eyes.

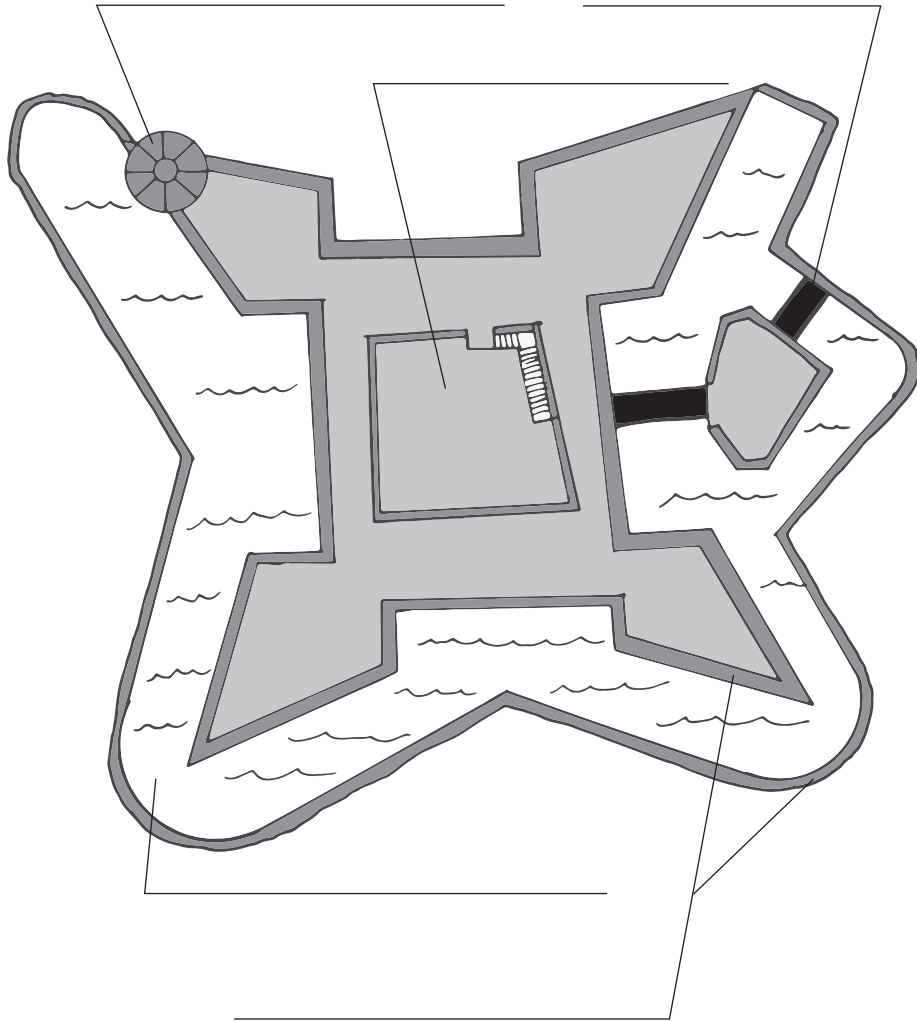
THE ELIZA BATTLE

The Eliza Battle was a steamboat that was destroyed in a tragic fire on the Tombigbee river; almost a third of its passengers and crew drowned. Some say that on cold winter nights, they can see a bright orange mass drifting down the river. Sailors say that seeing the Eliza Battle could mean danger ahead for their ship.

SLOSS FURNACES

In the 1800s, steel was an important resource. People used it to build skyscrapers, railroads, and wires, but making the steel was hard and dangerous work. Some say the spirits of workers at The Sloss Furnaces, where many accidents happened, still wander the grounds. Many investigators say they come across the cruel foreman, Slag, who will sometimes shout at visitors, thinking they are his crewmen.

 Label this diagram of the Castillo de San Marcos using the word bank below.




MOAT WALL COURT
 WATCH TOWER BRIDGE

bell tower. Just 30 years ago, the bell of the Immanuel Lutheran Church began to ring on its own. Some say there's still a ghostly congregation lingering in the church, doomed to play out the same Sunday over and over for all eternity.

WITCH ROAD

On Callan Road, just outside of Rosendale,³ stand the remains of an old house. No one knows for sure who used to live there, or why no one does anymore, but neighbors say it was once the home of an evil witch. If you visit the house after dark, the witch will send strange lights flying in the distance, or materialize in the form of a little girl who runs through the surrounding forest and plays peek-a-boo with people from behind trees. If you try to catch her, she will run away until she disappears.

 Match the footnotes to the information. Write in the number next to each note.

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- Between 1850 and 1900, scores of European immigrants settled in Wisconsin, most of them from Norway. Today, 8.5% of Wisconsinites have Norwegian ancestry.
 - Robert P. Lamont was the United States Secretary of Commerce from 1929 to 1932.
 - Rosendale is one of the smallest towns in the country: only 1.22 square miles!



Illinois

Alphabetical Order

Alphabetical order is a common way to organize information. Rewrite the names of the concepts in alphabetical order.

RESURRECTION MARY

One of the most famous ghost stories in the U.S. comes from Chicago—the tale of Resurrection Mary. Mary was a young, happy girl, who loved nothing more than to dance. Every night, she would visit the Oh Henry Ballroom in Willow Springs and dance her cares away. And every night, she would walk back home, holding her shoes in her hand.

Since the mid-20th century, dozens of people have picked up a hitchhiker, wearing a white dress and holding her shoes in her hand, outside the ballroom. She will ask the driver to take her a few blocks down the street, where there are no houses...just a cemetery. But when the driver turns to ask her why she's getting out there...the car is empty.

THE STICKNEY HOUSE

The Stickney House was built by George Stickney, who lived there with his family in the 1800s. Stickney believed in ghosts, and he wanted to make the house as welcoming to them as possible. He designed the house in a strange oval-like shape—it was believed that ghosts could become stuck in corners.

The Stickney family hasn't lived there for decades, but it seems the ghosts stayed behind. Police officers have heard footsteps going up and down the stairs, and commotion in the ballroom, which is only used for storage. It's said that at least two officers have quit over the things they heard, felt, and saw in the Stickney House.

HULL HOUSE

Hull House in Chicago is well-known for housing hundreds of less-fortunate Chicagoans in times of need...but it's also known to be haunted. In 1913, Jane Addams, the woman who turned Hull House into a

As neighbors began to grow suspicious, Colonel Marti told them that his wife had fallen ill and gone to live with her family in Mexico, and Abela had been reassigned to Cuba. No one believed him, and thought him responsible for their disappearance. Today, people sometimes see the skirt of a white dress swishing around the corridors of the Castillo...

THE MAY-STRINGER HOUSE

The May-Stringer house was built in 1855, when a man named John May built it for his family. He and his wife, Marena, and their two children lived there for three years until Mr. May became sick with tuberculosis. Marena eventually remarried, and had a daughter, named Jessie, with her new husband. Marena thought she was finally happy...until Jessie became sick three years later.

Many years later, the home was turned into a museum. While employees were cleaning the house, they found a very old doll, and picked it up out of its cradle to give it to an antique expert. When they brought the doll back, the cradle had been smashed to pieces! Workers put the cradle back together and placed the doll back just as they had found it. They promised never to move the doll again...because Jessie wanted to play with it.



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Diagrams

Read the paragraphs and fill out the diagram on the following page.

THE RIDDLE HOUSE

A few famous legends surround the Riddle House. Buck was a worker at the cemetery next door to the Riddle House, responsible for catching grave-robbers. To this day, folks will still see him sitting on the porch at night, keeping an eye out for would-be thieves.

The house stood for many years, until it was turned into a museum. During a grand-opening party, a couple in turn-of-the-century clothing were seen by several guests. Those who saw them assumed they were actors, hired to get visitors in the spirit of the party. However, when shown a photo of the home's original owners, guests were shocked to see the couple that had just been at the party! They searched for the two, but they had disappeared.

CASTILLO DE SAN MARCOS

The most famous haunted house in all of St. Augustine is Castillo de San Marcos, the oldest fort in the country. It's also home to the ghost of a woman, forever searching for her lost love.

During the Spanish occupation of the fort, Colonel Garcia Marti's wife, Dolores, fell in love with his assistant, Captain Manuel Abela. Some say Colonel Marti was a stern old man, and Dolores was talkative, vivacious, and at least ten years younger. She craved adventure and excitement, but her husband preferred to live a quiet life.

After meeting Captain Abela, a young man who was just as lively as Dolores, and just as intelligent and kind, the two began to sneak off together to meet in secret. Captain Marti began to suspect that his wife had fallen in love with another man, and after weeks of her coming and going, he came to work one day to smell the distinct scent of his wife's perfume on Captain Abela's uniform. Days later, the pair disappeared.

safe place for the needy, took in a baby. This wasn't unusual, as several children lived at Hull House with their families...but the parents would not stay. They begged Jane to take in their baby, and when she finally did, they left. Some say it was because the baby was cursed, and to this day, visitors claim to see a dark figure dart around corners, and the ghostly face of a child peering out the window.



Rewrite these concepts in alphabetical order.

- RESURRECTION MARY
- STICKNEY HOUSE, THE
- OH HENRY BALLROOM
- ADDAMS, JANE
- HULL HOUSE

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