

S2 Burke and Hare Creative Writing: Final Task

Choose one of the following options:

- A:** Make up a horror story about one of Burke and Hare's victims.
You can tell the story from the victim or the killer's perspective.
- B:** Edinburgh in the 1800s was a very different place: criminals were hung, bodies were dissected publicly, bodies were regularly stolen from graves.
Write a horror story set in this spooky environment.
- C:** Retell the Burke and Hare story in your own words.

Success Criteria

1. You have written a story that is creepy or scary.
2. You have used descriptions using the senses: sight/sound/touch/taste/smell.
3. You have described your characters and their settings.
4. You have written in sentences, using correct punctuation.

Extra challenge:

- Imagery: include similes and metaphors in your descriptions. Choose your comparisons carefully so that you create a sooky environment/tone.

Option C Retell the Burke and Hare story in your own words: cloze

Introduction

At this time, Edinburgh had a very large and famous _____ where future _____ and _____ were trained. An important part of their training was _____ which helped them to learn about the structure of _____. At first, the medical school dissected bodies of _____ but as the school grew more popular, more bodies were needed. _____ became common, as people stole freshly buried bodies from graves in order to sell them for up to _____ (which would be worth around _____ nowadays). Burke and Hare took “body snatching” to a new level.

Word bank: surgeons executed criminals £800 doctors
the human body body snatching £10 anatomy
medical school

Option C Retell the Burke and Hare story in your own words: paragraph planner

Paragraph 1. Burke and Hare were Irishmen who moved to Edinburgh in the 1800s. They sold their first body when...

Paragraph 2. After making a lot of money from this first sale, Burke and Hare came up with a plan...

Paragraph 3. Burke and Hare killed a total of 17 victims and were eventually found out when...

Paragraph 4. Burke and Hares’ punishments were quite different....