Year 9 - Horror genre

What is the horror genre in theater?

Horror is a genre that deals with suspense and fear within theatre. The stories often include the supernatural and aim to scare the audience. This is not the only aim of horror. In depth storytelling and using special effects within theatre can help horror to come to life and be an interesting and suspenseful experience for an audience.

Examples of horror in theater:



Key Words

Soundscape	Sounds created by actors with voices, bodies or instruments to help set the atmosphere of the scene. Different sounds are repeated and layered often relating to the story and setting.
Set	Set is the furniture and materials used on stage to create the desired setting for the pieces. This can be very full with lots of attention to detail, or minimalistic with certain props to symbolize the scenes
Tension	Tension is how an emotion is built on stage dependent on the situation at hand. It often build to a big reveal and can vary in pace.
Marking the moment	Highlighting a specific moment with the action, by isolating it and adding skills to make it stand out - i.e freezing a moment or moving in slow motion.
Split scene	Two scenes happening on stage at the same time, with the action jumping from one to the other. The scenes are often related in some way

CHECKLIST TIME – Everytime you complete a rehearsal – Use the keywords as a checklist to see what your performance is missing!

TARGET – At the end of a rehearsal, use the key words to set a target – EXAMPLE: Next lesson we will practice including a SPLIT SCENE in our performance.