

Important facts to remember- Elements of Mystery and Suspense-

1. Setting: the author designs a place and time that seems mysterious or scary
2. Atmosphere: the use of details and description to set a feeling/mood
3. Suspense: "When you're dying to know, but afraid to find out."
4. A Sleuth: is a detective, employed or engaged in catching a criminal or getting information that is not easily available to solve a mystery.
5. Obstacles: problems for the character to solve; an obstacle can be increased or complicated by a decision a character makes under pressure or in a panic
6. **Crucial** Clue: the one piece of information that helps the "sleuth" finally solve the mystery
7. "red herrings" – bits of information that are designed to mislead the readers by making them suspect the wrong characters.
8. "Sidekick"- a character that assists the detective in solving the case

For Super Sleuths. . .

Your mystery topics:

1. The *Mary Celeste*
2. The Brown Mountain Lights
3. Mothman

Your task:

- Solve one of these mysteries by writing a short story between 2 and 3 pages in length
- Should be typed in Arial or Times New Roman font
- Must include dialogue, characterization, plot, theme, and a valid solution to the mystery

Due Dates

- ▶ July 28, 2017: Mystery Story Brainstorm
- ▶ Aug. 11, 2017: First rough draft
- ▶ Aug. 18, 2017: Second rough draft
- ▶ Sept. 1, 2017: Final draft