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Dear Family Partner,

In English, we are studying Edgar Allan Poe and Horror Stories. I hope you enjoy this activity with me. It will help me understand different parts of horror stories. This assignment is due__________________.

Thank you,

____________________________
(Student Signature)

Objective: Identify different parts of horror stories and film that add suspense.

Materials: Pen/pencil and a sheet of notebook paper

Procedure:

1. Ask your family partner the following questions and discuss their answers.
   Who is your family partner?_____________________________________
   
   A. What are some of your favorite horror films? (list 2 or 3)
   _____________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________

   B. Why do you like these films?
   _____________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________

   C. What made these scary or suspenseful? (list 3 or more things)
   _____________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________
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2. By yourself, think about the information we have learned about Poe and “The Tell-Tale Heart,” which we read in class. Answer the following questions.

   A. What did you like about "The Tell-Tale Heart"? (list 3 or more things)
   _____________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________
B. What made "The Tell-Tale Heart" scary or suspenseful? (list 3 or more things)

C. What similarities do you see between your family partner's answers in section 1C and your answers in 2B?

D. After comparing your answers, name 2 main components that make a horror film and story suspenseful.

Discussion: Discuss the similarities you found between horror films and horror stories with your family partner. If you and your family partner had a choice, which would you rather do, read a horror story or watch a horror film? Why?

Home-To-School Communication:

Dear Family Partner:
Please give me your reactions to your child's work on this activity. Write YES or NO for each statement.

_____________ 1. My child understood the homework and was able to discuss it
_____________ 2. My child and I enjoyed the activity
_____________ 3. This assignment helped me know what my child is learning in English.

Other Comments:
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Family Partner Signature: ____________________________