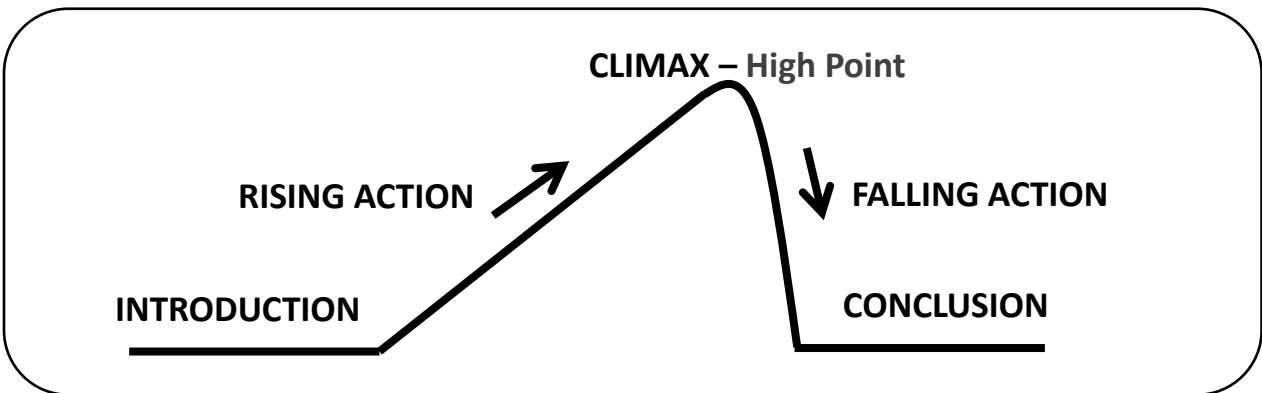


THE EERIE MANOR

Suspense Writing



Essay #1: Write a suspenseful essay using the five story parts. No violence, crime, or gore – it's not that kind of house. **(18-24 sentences)**

Sandport is a small town with population 780. Everyone knows everyone, and everyone knows everything about the town, including the old Morris manor at the end of Ash St.

Over the years, people have reported seeing shadows behind the house curtains, or the flickering of an oil lamp late at night. As head reporter of my school newspaper, the *Roadrunner Review*, I was determined to find the answer to the question: is it haunted or not?

To get the full experience, I'm bringing my sleeping bag and will bravely spend the night alone in the abandoned mansion. It's not an easy assignment. The four previous volunteers never made it past midnight – most ran out screaming in fright!



Essay #2: Choose one of these opening sentences, and write a suspenseful essay using the five story parts. No violence, crime, or gore – it's still not that kind of house. **(16-20 sentences)**

- The kids at school are definitely not going to believe this!
- Pat and I fell onto to our backs and stared at the ceiling, wondering what just happened.
- That's it – I'm out of here!
- There was the sound of a creaking door coming from the cellar – someone else was here.