

The Urban Legend Project

GOAL:

Your goal is to create a new urban legend that you will write, memorize, and share with the class. Your story can be about any (school-appropriate) topic and can take place anywhere, but it should have elements of truth so as to make it believable.

Your urban legend should be between 3 (MIN) and 4 minutes (MAX) when told verbally. Write this story as if you will be telling this story around a campfire in the dead of night, in the darkness of the woods.

REMEMBER:

Urban Legends are Modern Folktales. They take place in the reality of our modern world, they touch on our deepest fears as a society, and they often have a message or meaning much like the Greek myths and Aesop's fables.

Typically, urban legends concern outlandish, terrifying, or supernatural events — events which, in the telling, always seem to happen to someone *other* than the teller.

Instead of providing actual evidence, the storyteller relies on trustworthy sources, like friends and family members, to add credibility to the tale: “My uncle was up in his cabin...” or “My brother’s girlfriend heard this from her best friend.”

BE PREPARED TO SHARE (or SCARE):

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