

1. The Most Haunted House in England

On February 27th, 1939, Borley Rectory burned down after 76 years of spooking its residents. Ghost-hunter Harry Price wrote two books about Borley Rectory, *The Most Haunted House in England* and *The End of Borley Rectory*. Of course, you don't need to read the books, just click below for the story. There are two pages to print. Click here to get your copies.

<http://www.insideout.net/warehouse/worksheets/feb/IO085S-hauntedhouse.pdf>

Level

Good Intermediate and upwards

How to use the lesson

1. Start the lesson by asking your students if they know any ghost stories. Ask how many people believe in ghosts.
2. Divide the class into Group A and Group B. Give one copy of Worksheet A to each student in Group A and one copy of Worksheet B to each student in Group B.
3. Tell your students they are going to read a ghost story. They have the same text, but there is some information missing from each worksheet. Explain that they are going to ask a member of the other group some questions to help them complete the text, but first they need to prepare the questions.
4. Ask the students to work together to prepare and write down the questions they need to ask to complete the text.
5. When all the students have prepared their questions, ask a student from Group A to work with a student from Group B. They should take it in turns to ask and answer the questions they have prepared and write the answer in the space in their text.
6. When both students have finished asking and answering, allow them to compare worksheets.
7. Check answers in open class.

Suggested questions:

1. When was it (Borley Rectory) built?
2. Who built it/Who was it built by?
3. What destroyed it/What was it destroyed by?
4. When was it destroyed?
5. Who had been murdered there (according to legend)?
6. What had people heard coming from the cellar?
7. What did they (Revd Guy Smith and his wife) report (after moving into the property)?
8. What did they ask for?
9. Who answered the request/Who was the request answered by?

10. What was Harry Price/What did Harry Price do?
11. Where was Marianne hit?
12. How long did the Foysters stay for?
13. How many paranormal events were there (during the Foysters' residence)?
14. Why did they (Harry Price and 40 volunteers) lease the house for a year?
15. What did he (the new owner) knock over?
16. What were found buried under the cellar?

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.prairieghosts.com/harryprice.html>

Learn more about Harry Price and click on Borley Rectory

<http://www.geocities.com/area51/orion/3781/haunted.htm>

Lots more haunted parts of Britain

<http://www.nzghosts.co.nz/Ghost%20stories%202.htm#Just%20Ring%20666>

Some creepy stories here - don't turn out the lights!

<http://www.usd382.com/studentpages/jforest/spookstories.htm>

And these are even creepier!