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Magical Creatures

Write | Your Own Ghost Story

Maybe your town has an old tale about ghosts that you want to put down in writing or maybe you've heard about ghost sightings. Ghost stories are fun to write but they have distinctive features. Use the attached handout to establish some common features of ghost stories. You can use the graphic organizer to brainstorm ideas.

Be creative!

Trivia | Science Fiction Knowledge

See attached. Test your knowledge of all things sci-fi!

Make It | Gnome Homes and Fairy Gardens

Use materials from the outdoors (twigs, leaves, rocks, etc.), to make your own fairy/gnome garden. Take a hike or even a stroll through your backyard to find materials for your garden.

You will need:

- Small pots, cups, or glass jars (chipped tea cups make a great container!)
- Dirt, moss, or pea gravel
- Natural materials, such as small stones, twigs, leaves, seashells, flowers, etc.
- Recycled materials, such as plastic bottle caps, straws, leftover craft items, etc.
- Store-bought supplies, such as small toys

Fill a container with dirt/sand etc. to build your garden or you can use a large container for a family made garden.





Tips for Writing a Ghost Story

Setting

The setting of your tale can be traditionally spooky, creepy, or mysterious—an abandoned house or cemetery or subway at night. It can also be an ordinary place at first glance—a classroom, a church, a bowling alley, but with the suggestion that something is not quite right. This can add to the sense of creepiness, suggesting that ghosts can appear anywhere.

Characters

Create many likable characters so that your ghost has some context. Focusing too much on the ghost as the main character may not interest your readers. You want readers to be intrigued by the ghost but not overexposed to it. Show your characters through what they do, what they say, how they feel, what they look like, and how other characters react to them.

Mystery

The problem in the story must have a mysterious element to it. The problem could be that the characters are trying to figure out what the ghost wants, or they are figuring out how to get rid of the ghost. Readers will want to travel with the characters on the journey to solve the mystery. The mystery can also be something missing, a murder, or an unsolved problem from the past.

Emotion

In a ghost story you want your readers to have the emotion of fear. The characters in your story should be experiencing it so your reader can too. Show, don't tell about, the emotions of your characters mainly from their actions.

Plot

Your ghost story needs an engaging plot. It needs a beginning, middle, and an end that will make your reader not want to put your story down.

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ezinearticles.com/?How-to-Write-a-Great-Ghost-Story&id=112208



How to Write a Ghost Story

————— Graphic Organizer —————

Atmosphere:

Characters:

Mystery:

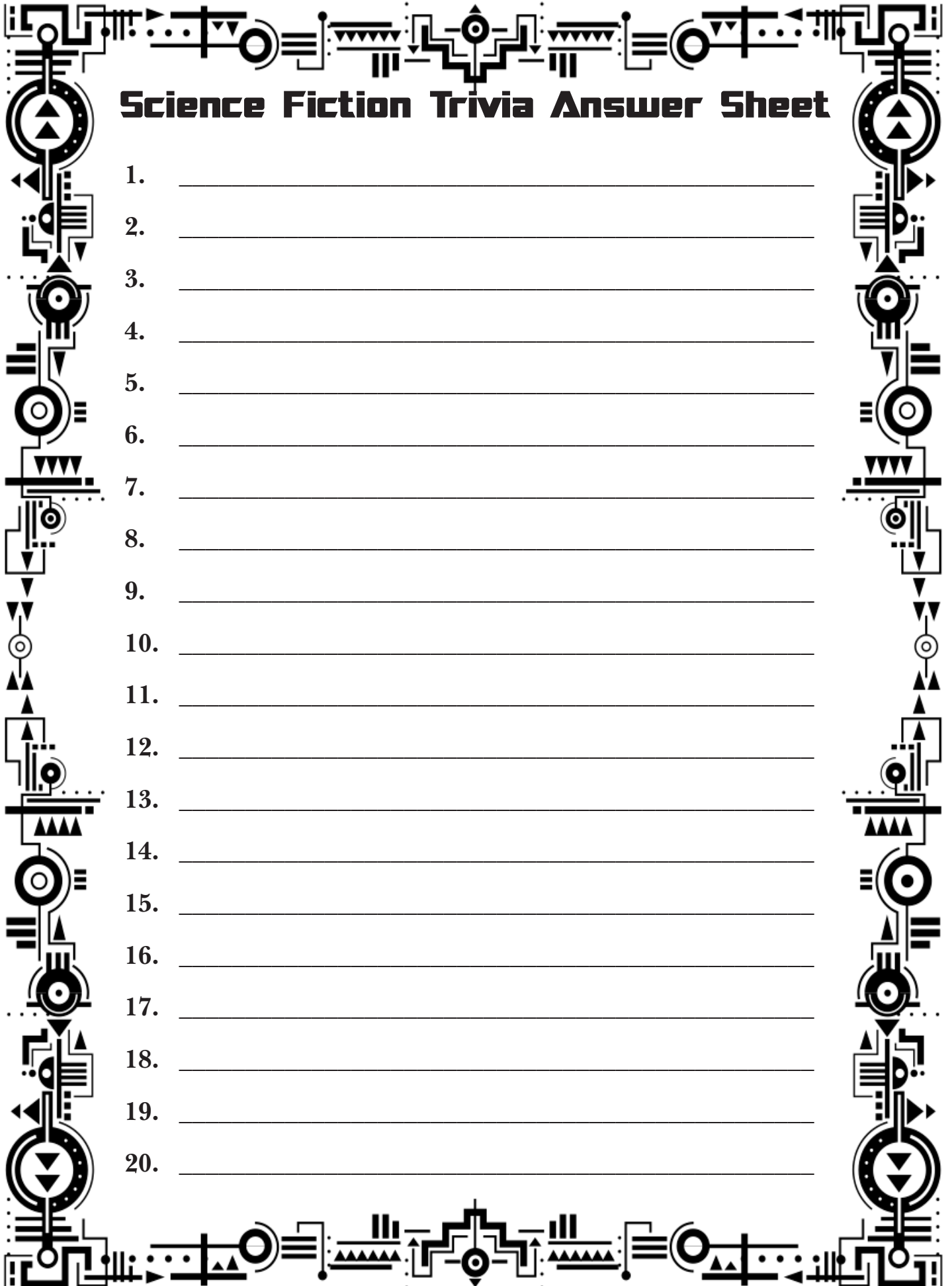
Emotion:

Plot:



Science Fiction Trivia Questions

1. Who provided the voice of Darth Vader in the first Star Wars film?
2. What was Mr. Spock's father's name?
3. On what planet does Luke Skywalker meet Yoda?
4. Who provided the voice of Yoda?
5. What did Doctor Who's TARDIS look like?
6. What book started with the line, "It was a pleasure to burn"?
7. During the TV series "Battlestar Galactica," the opponents of the humans (which looked like robots) were called:
 - A) Whippersnappers B) Deadites C) Cylons D) Storm Troopers
8. The term "Danger, Will Robinson" is from:
 - A) *Star Wars* B) *Star Trek* C) *Lost in Space* D) *The Nomad*
9. Who wrote *Ender's Game*?
10. Which national figure introduced himself to Nichelle Nichols, the African-American actress who played Lt. Uhura on "Star Trek," as her "most ardent fan" and encouraged her to stay on the show?
 - A) Martin Luther King, Jr. B) Malcolm X C) Ronald Reagan D. John F. Kennedy
11. Who is the author of *John Carter of Mars*, who is also famous for another series about an ape man?
12. The Martian invasion on Earth was defeated by what in H. G. Wells *War of the Worlds*?
13. According to *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, what is the most intelligent life form on planet Earth?
14. Directed by Joss Whedon, which 2005 science fiction movie was based on a short-lived TV show that was cancelled after only eleven of its episodes were broadcast?
15. What was the name of the computer in the movie *2001: A Space Odyssey*?
16. Which former Mr. World and Mr. Universe played the part of the Hulk in the *Incredible Hulk*?
17. What was the name of George Jetsons' dog?
18. Who played a young Obi Wan in *Star Wars Episode 1: The Phantom Menace*?
19. In what car does Michael J. Fox go back to the future?
20. In which book do you meet a character called Thorin son of Thrain son of Thror?



Science Fiction Trivia Answer Sheet

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