

## Mid Stage 5 English – Persuasive Essay – Grade D

# Essay

The purpose of horror is to make the audience fear.

“horror texts do more than keep us in suspense; they create fear.”

The village by M. Night Shyamalan is about people that are afraid of blood, guts and graveyards.

M. Night Shyamalan uses the conventions of horror such as blood, sound effects and setting to create fear within the audience.

For example: in the film there is a character named Noah that wants to go and kill Lucius, so he goes to his house. Lucius was surprised that he Noah came. Lucius says to him “is this about Ivy and myself”. Before him turning around Noah stabs Lucius in the stomach.

Another example of The Village is when Ivy is left in the woods by herself after being told by her guards. Ivy was walking but her walking stick broke. Sudden Ivy heard growls from behind her. She wanders into the fields full of red flowers (THE BAD COLOUR) and suddenly a ‘monster’ appears behind her she whispered “it’s not real”. The monster then starts to run after Ivy started to run. Ivy then had an idea, she ran to the place that had a hole so she can trap the monster. The monster thought that he was running to Ivy but unfortunately he falls into a deep hole and died. This affected the audience by making them afraid of being alone.

Deserted by Madison Cawein is a poem that uses the conventions of horror such as darkness and ghosts to create fear within the audience.

The poem is set at night as shown in the quote “the night wind in its Ancient porch”. This poem uses adultery imagery in this line to make incursive about being home alone at night, as a lot of people get scared staying at home alone at night. In that last stanza the poem says the “moon comes misty white”. The simile introduces the supernatural and something as us humans explain. For example: in the poem it is telling us about an “old ghost from out of the grave”.

The simile is used to introduce the unknown characters in the poem that how people may think in the night time home alone they will start to think that there’s something there and be paranoid that they can hear strange noises. Deserted by Madison Cawein doesn’t just create suspense it actually plays in our senses and make the audience fearful.

Another example of a supernatural thing is “the dark is full of whispers”. The poem uses personification to show how people’s minds change when their home alone.

In the movie The Village uses the conventions of horror such as blood, guts and graveyards that terrifies the audience. It is similar to Deserted because it also uses the conventions of darkness and ghost to frighten the audience.

Limited knowledge of essay structure

Simplistic recount

Language and sentence structure lacks control

Demonstrates limited understanding of conventions of the Gothic genre

### Grade Commentary

Mel has demonstrated a limited knowledge and understanding of the gothic genre and persuasive essay structure. A simplistic recount of key scenes is provided with limited analysis, while cinematic techniques are identified but not understood. There is little variety in the language with limited use of persuasive devices.

Mel's response demonstrates characteristics typically produced by a student performing at a Grade D standard midway through Stage 5.