

# STRANGER —SAGAS—

## Student Information Guide

**Enter the world of Stranger Sagas, where mystery meets creativity. From suspenseful to funny, futuristic to fantastical, you can write in any genre to create an unforgettable tale about something weird or wonderful happening. Explore the strange, the unexplained, the mysterious and turn your reader's world upside down. Your story could be published in a book, and there are also fantastic prizes to be won!**

**WORD LIMIT: 100 words or fewer**

Check out the video:

<https://youtu.be/qpDH-eM8RY>

## STORY STARTERS

You can use one of these to start or inspire your story:

- They said I'd be safe here...
- Something hovered in the sky...
- That door wasn't there yesterday...
- Instead of blood, there were wires...
- My name was on the missing persons list...
- From the shadows, a voice called my name...
- Every time I looked away, it moved closer...
- The experiment was a failure...

## EXAMPLE STORY

### Leviathan

There's a reason it's called the Great Barrier Reef. Barriers set limits, but limits can be broken. When the Reef died, the sea unlocked. We didn't know what it was protecting us from, but now...

Deep beneath the ocean, the Leviathan awoke with a rumble. He erupted from the ocean, with his mission to destroy the people his tsunamis had failed to kill.

He's hunting us all, and there's no escape. He's a beast from the sea and there's no escaping the certain death he brings. We messed with the supernatural. Now we'll die because of it.

By Maggie McCormick (16)

## PRIZES

**£100 Amazon gift card & a trophy for the top 5 published writers, and the top school will win £1,000!**

**PLUS** every entrant receives a bookmark, everyone chosen for publication receives a certificate of merit, and every school will receive a free copy of the book their students feature in.



## HOW TO ENTER

1. Your teacher will give you a planning sheet to help you plan your mini saga, or a login link to your school's Online Writing Portal where you will type your entry.
2. Write/type your story.
3. Make sure you have included your name, then hand it in to your teacher, or click 'Finish' on the Online Writing Portal.

## RESULTS

If you are chosen for publication, we will write to your teacher to let them know hopefully between April-May. At this point we will ask your parents to give their permission for your work to be published. Winners will be chosen from published entries and announced in the summer.

To find out more about Young Writers, go to [www.youngwriters.co.uk](http://www.youngwriters.co.uk)

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