### Haunted House Mystery

A haunted house stood on the hill

No one knew what mysteries it held

The kids were scared and huddled close

No one dared to enter this abode

The house was old and spooky too

It had a creaking door and windows cracked

The walls seemed to whisper secrets

That only the brave could hear

The kids were brave and curious

They wanted to explore the house

They crept up the steps to the door

And peeked in through the window

The kids gasped and looked around
It seemed like the house was alive
And the mystery was about to be revealed

A ghostly figure floated down the stairs
It was an old woman in a white dress
Her eyes glowed with a strange light
And she spoke in a low, eerie voice



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"You have come to find the mystery within It is hidden deep in the house But only the brave can find it"

The kids were scared but determined
They searched the house from top to bottom
Finally they found a secret room
And a treasure chest filled with gold

The old woman smiled and thanked them
For unlocking the mystery of her house
The kids were happy to have solved the mystery
And they ran home to tell their parents the news.



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- 1. Read the passage and underline any word or sentence you struggled with.
- 2. Answer the questions on the following page.

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#### Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. Where was the haunted house?
- a. in the town
- b. in a valley
- c. on a hill
- 2. Who did the kids see in the house?
- a. an old man
- b. an old woman
- c. a black cat
- 3. What were the kids trying to solve?
- a. where the secret key was
- b. find the ghost
- c. a mystery
- 4. What did they find in the secret room?
- a. a chest of gold
- b. a chest of money
- c. a chest of treasures
- 5. Who did the kids tell first about solving the mystery?
- a. their parents
- b. their friends
- c. the police

# Haunted House Mystery Open Response Questions

#### **Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:**

- 1. Inferring
- 2. Making Connections
- 3. Summarizing
- 4. Visualizing
- 1. Why do you think the kids were anxious to explore the house?
- 2. How would you feel if you were exploring this house? Explain.
- 3. In 2-3 sentences, summarize what this passage is about.
- 4. What images go through your mind as read the Haunted House Mystery
- Could this poem be true? Explain
- Why would a house be haunted?
- Why were the kids considered brave?
- Re-write the ending to this poem to change it.
- What 2 questions could you ask the author of this poem?