

“It Was a Dark and Stormy Night” Text-Based Writing Prompt

Focus

You have read the **unfinished story** “It Was a Dark and Stormy Night”. The story stops shortly before the climax; therefore, the reader has no clue as to the resolution of the story. In short, the reader doesn’t know what happens.

After gathering your ideas, you will be asked to **finish writing the story** “It Was a Dark and Stormy Night” from where it left off to the resolution. At the end of the second half of the story, the reader should feel as though the story has come to an end.

Writing Prompt

Finish writing the story “It Was a Dark and Stormy Night”. Carefully consider the criteria below, and think about the questions.

Criteria:

- Your part of the story must be **no less than three and no more than five paragraphs long**.
- You must **include dialogue**, either through Roslyn’s thoughts or a spoken conversation. All dialogue must be punctuated properly.
- You may **not change anything in the first part** of “It Was a Dark and Stormy Night”. If it’s part of the story, it stays part of the story.

Thinking about the following questions will help you focus your writing:

- Will the story continue to be scary? It doesn’t necessarily have to be.
- What does Roslyn hear?
- What events happen next?
- How does the story end?