

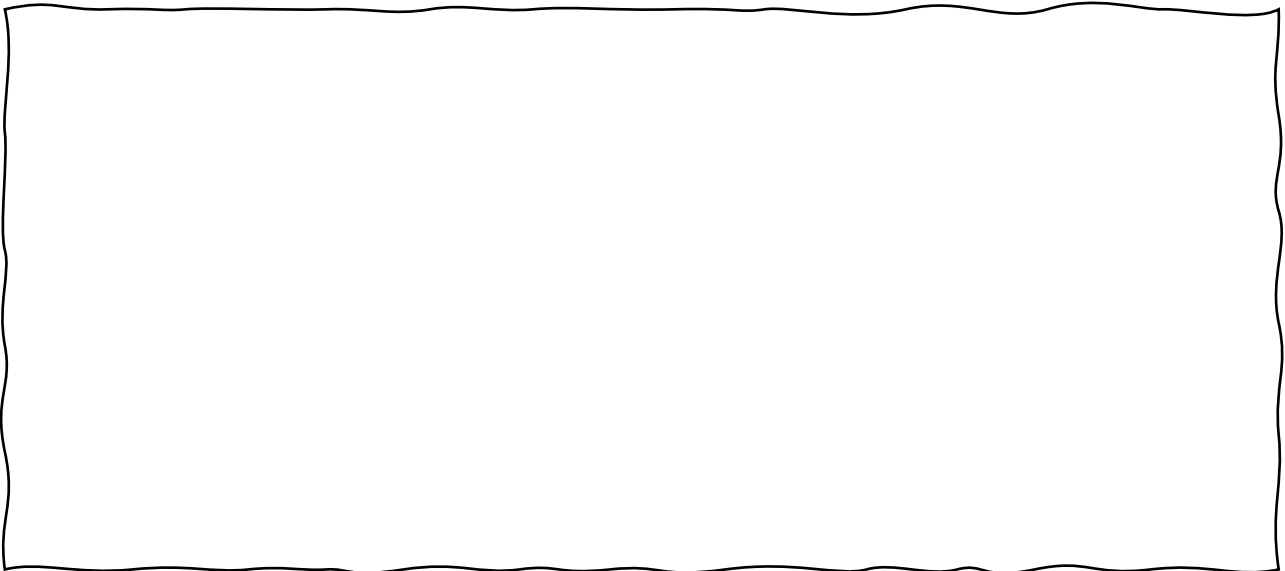
Create Your Own Gothic Story!

'when I had once begun it, I could not lay down again; I remember finishing it in two days—my hair standing on end the whole time'
Henry Tilney talking about reading a spooky Gothic novel in *Northanger Abbey*

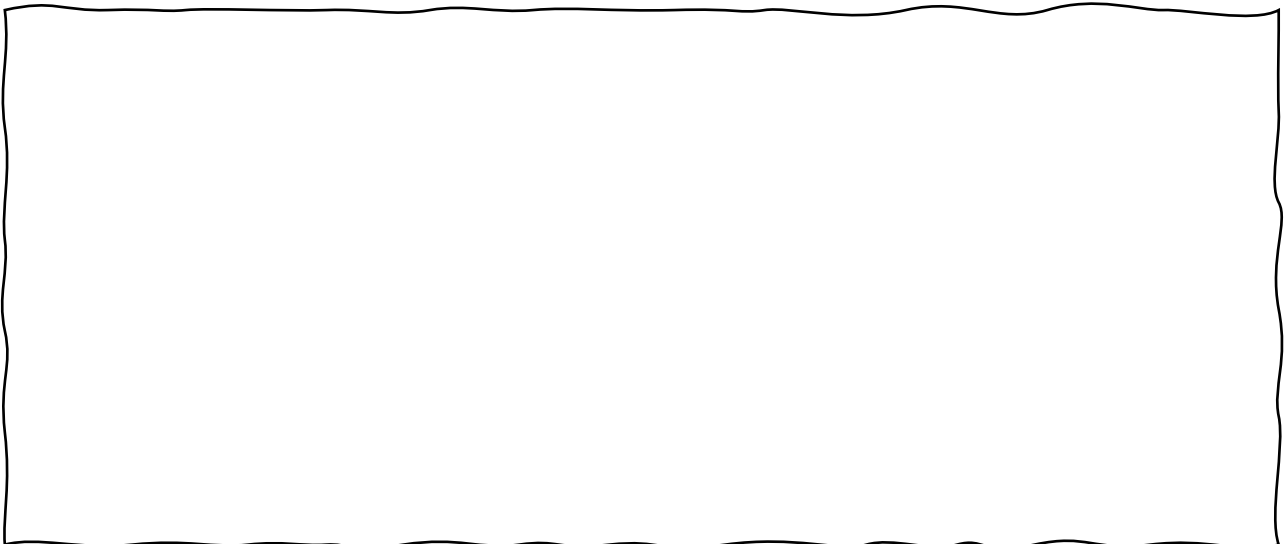
During Jane Austen's time, Gothic novels were really popular. These are spooky stories with evil villains and things going bump in the night!

Use the template to design your own – you can write or draw pictures or both!

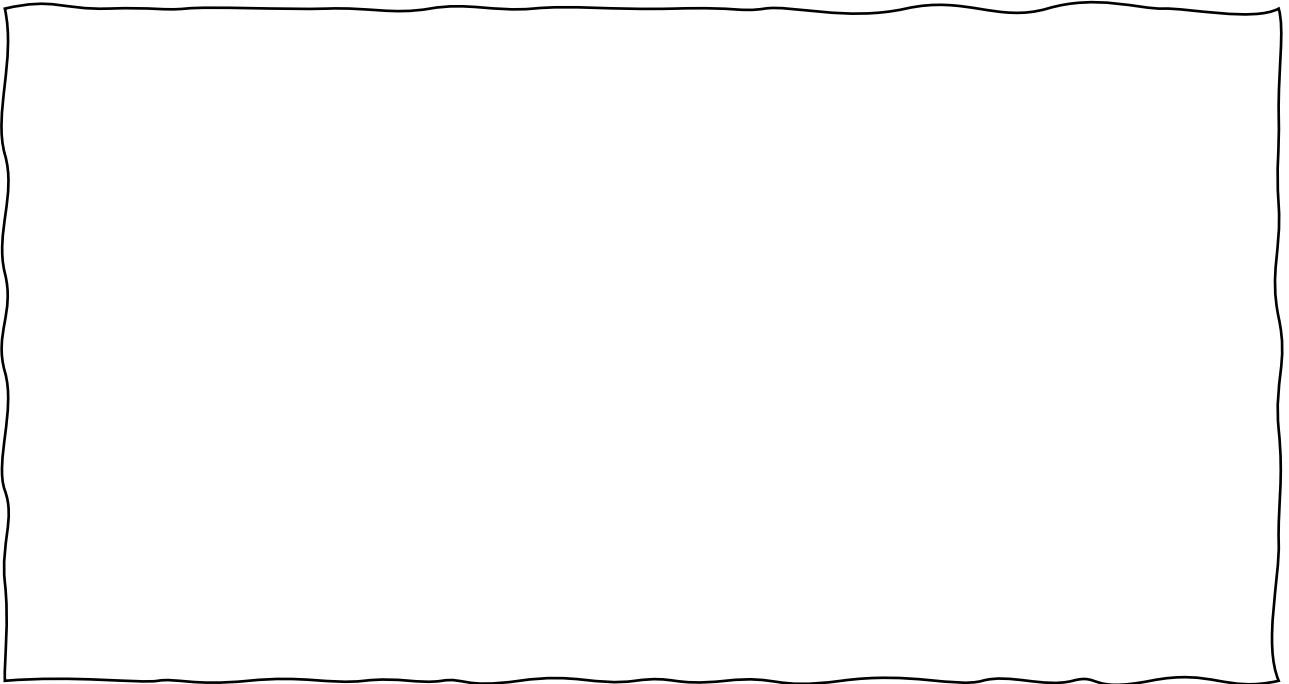
1. **Your Character:** Tell us about your character – are they young? Brave? Funny?



2. **Setting:** Where is your story going to be set? Perhaps in a castle? In an abbey? Or on a ship?



3. **The Locked Box:** Your character finds a mysterious locked box and they manage to open it... but what is inside? A portrait? A letter? A map?



4. **What happens next:** Do they run away in fear? Do they solve the mystery?

