

What is Gothic Literature?

A style of writing that is characterized by elements of fear, horror, and gloom. It often focuses on grotesque characters, abnormal or eerie events, dreary settings, death and/or elements of pop culture. Most stories contain a damsel in distress/ethereal quality.

It can also show an alternate version of reality or a different universe that is slightly askew from the original.

Definition Broken Down into 10 Parts

- 1) Elements of fear
- 2) Elements of horror
- 3) Elements of gloom
- 4) Grotesque character(s)
- 5) Abnormal/eerie events
- 6) Dreary settings
- 7) Death
- 8) Pop culture
- 9) Damsel in distress/ethereal quality
- 10) Alternate reality/universe