Monday 1st February 2021

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- Recap
- What did we speak about yesterday?

- What did the author do to change the mood/tone in the story ‘The Hook’ which we read yesterday?

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- Today you will be planning your very own scary story:
- You will need to include:
  - Introduction
    - Create at least 2 characters
    - 1 setting
  - Build up
    - Here you show how it will get scary
  - Climax
    - Something happens to make the story scary
  - Resolution
    - Begin to tie up loose ends
  - Ending

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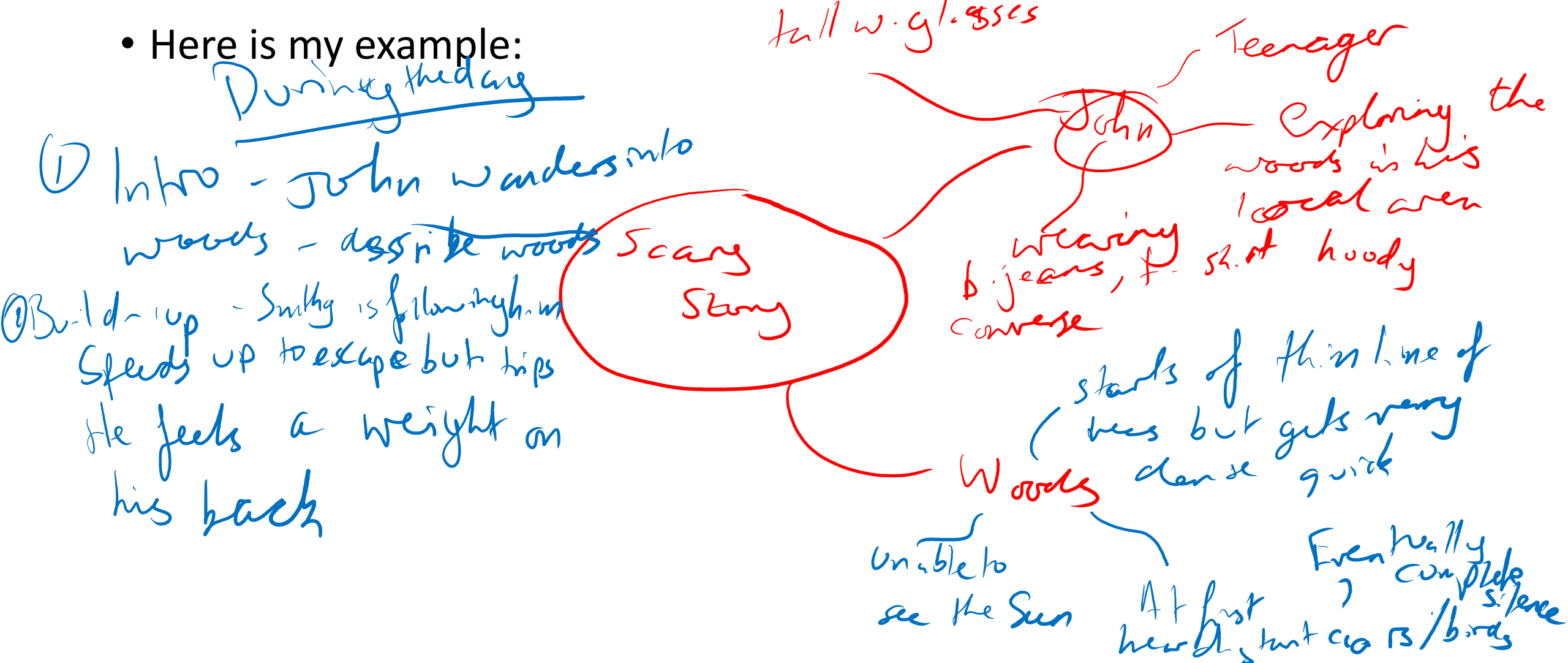
- Here is my example:



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Plan pt. 2

Climax - John flips onto his back but nothing is there. However he feels Smithy is watching him. He runs to escape from the woods. He sees something from within the trees and suddenly notices the werewolf that had following him werewolf - Piercing yellow eyes 10 ft tall with bulging muscles bounding along the wood floor

Res - He escapes the woods and on seeing daylight the wolf bursts into flames

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Ending - John goes back with family to hunt the werewolfs.

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- Today you will be writing you introductions in your story.

- Who can remind me of the sort of tone/mood we will be looking for?

- We will be looking to create a sinister mood and create a tone suspense throughout the story. This means that we do not know what will happen next.

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- On a sunny Tuesday morning John, a fourteen year old boy, decided to go for a long walk though the woods, so he put on his thick walking boots and as it wasn't too cold he just wore his rugged hoody. As he set off for the woods he felt good as the air was still so he felt it would be a good day for a trek. He knew the woods really well so decided that today he would venture off the main track and head into the woods a little. With his mind set, he happily walked into the main entrance of the woods. When he entered, he was faced with the usual choice of two paths. One for the higher road and one for the lower road. He instinctively chose the higher path as he knew that way better. As he stepped onto the path he felt something change. There was a slight shift in the temperature, the hairs on the back of his neck stood up. John shook it off and continued. As he went further along the path, things began to stranger. Thinking nothing of it, he reached the place he planned to wild trek, so he diverted from the path and began his adventure.

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- As John stepped off the path, he could feel the small breeze die down and everything became still. He could still hear the distant car occasionally drive down the road near the entrance of the woods however that was the only noise he could hear. It seemed even the woodland wildlife did not stir in this area. As continued down his chosen path he looked up and realised that the woods had created a canopy above him that had completely blocked out all the natural sunlight and trees only got larger and denser as he continued his journey. John continued on whistling to himself to break the silence of the woods, as the lack of noise was unnerving him somewhat. He began to feel uncomfortable but continuously reassured himself that he was being silly and that nothing was following him.

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- Suddenly a twig snapping broke the silence. John froze. He thought he saw a being standing in the shadows only 20 paces ahead of where he was standing but the lack of light made it hard to see. Then he heard something heading his way getting louder. John turned and ran. He ran as fast as his legs could travel. He was 6ft 5inches so he could run surprisingly quickly but he could still feel the being closing in on him until it would inevitably catch up to him. John felt his toe snag a branch and his whole being was forced the ground. He hit the floor with such force that he was winded. He opened his eyes and realised his glasses had been shaken off his face. As he went to lift himself up to catch his breath back he felt a weight on his back. Whatever had been chasing him had caught up.

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Then all of a sudden the weight was lifted. Slowly, John shifted his weight so he was able to sit properly. He reached out for his glasses and put them on. With increased urgency he began to scan his surroundings. Everything had gone quiet again. John quickly turned back to the entrance of the woods and began to jog back. Aware that he was a lot of noise but he didn't care at this point he just wanted to be back in the safety of his own home. When he got home he went straight to his room and let what happened play over and over in his head. Something much larger than him lived in that forest. He resolved to go back tomorrow with friends to try to track down this creature and make the woods safer for everyone. He then started his preparation for the next task.

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- He got out his boots and put them at the foot of his bed. Now John was a keen hunter so he took out his long-range rifle and begun cleaning the gun housing so it works for him tomorrow. As he worked on the rifle, he noticed a few scratched on his thigh. They hadn’t really hurt until that point, but now they began to sting somewhat. He placed down the weapon and went to the bathroom to get the antiseptic cream and bandages. Cleaning and wrapping the wounds, John assumed they were from the tree branches in the woods. He took some painkillers and continued to prepare for the next day. That night, after calling his friends he decided to try and get some sleep. But after trying for over an hour he gave up and sat in the kitchen watching TV. Every time he closed his eyes he was transported back to the woods, facing the beast that chased him again. And every time he opened his eyes he could feel the pain in his thighs begin to burn again. Finally in the early hours of the morning he could take no more so took extra painkillers and some sleeping tablets and he slept.

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