

CREATIVE WRITING ACTIVITY: CREATE YOUR OWN CURSE

WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, HOW?

WHO – Curses can be on locations, on objects or on people (or sometimes on entire families)
– who or what is cursed?

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WHAT – Some curses trap people together in darkness forever, some curses make sure families
are always on the run. What does your curse do?

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WHEN – Sometimes curses can be placed thousands of years ago, some in the modern world.
When was the curse first enacted?

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WHERE – Think about where you want the curse to take place – is it at a certain point in time
or history, is it local to a specific town or country? Where does the curse take place?

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WHY – Did the person who was cursed do something to offend an ancient witch or warlock?
Is an object cursed because it is too powerful to be wielded by one person? Why was the curse
enacted?

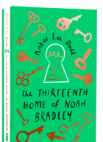
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HOW – Curses can be always be broken (and in some cases their effects minimised). How
does someone break the curse?

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And finally, NAME YOUR CURSE!

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UNSCRAMBLE THE CURSE:

Unscramble the words to reveal a curse from history or fiction!

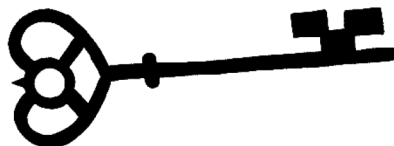
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2. PHOE MDIANDO = -----

3. YBAUET NAD ETH SEABT = -----

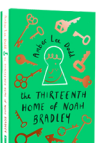
4. MDAUERB ANTRGLIE = -----

5. THACMBE = -----



ANSWERS:

1. MUMMY. The Mummy's Curse, aka King Tutankhamun's Curse, is said to bring illness, bad luck and even death upon any who disturb the Mummy's tomb in Egypt.
2. HOPE DIAMOND. Legend has it that anyone who owns this diamond, which was stolen from the eye of a Hindu idol in India, will suffer terrible bad luck.
3. BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. Fun fact! This is one of the very first films author Amber Lee Dodd ever saw. A cruel and selfish prince refuses shelter to an old beggar woman, who reveals herself as a beautiful enchantress, and transforms him into a terrible monster and his servants into household objects.
4. BERMUDA TRIANGLE. This mysterious place in the western part of the North Atlantic Ocean is said to be cursed because over the years nearly 100 ships and airplanes have gone missing in the region.
5. MACBETH. There are plenty of superstitions in the world of theatre, but plenty of actors are very serious about never uttering the name of Shakespeare's Scottish play. According to folklore a coven of witches found out about Shakespeare using real spell incantations, so they put a curse on the play. The play has ever since suffered many disasters, like actors getting injured.



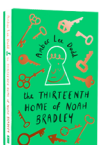
DRAW YOUR 'MUST-TAKE' ITEMS:

Noah Bradley has a duffel bag filled with items he always takes with him when his family moves to a new home to escape the curse. Draw what you would take in your duffel bag.



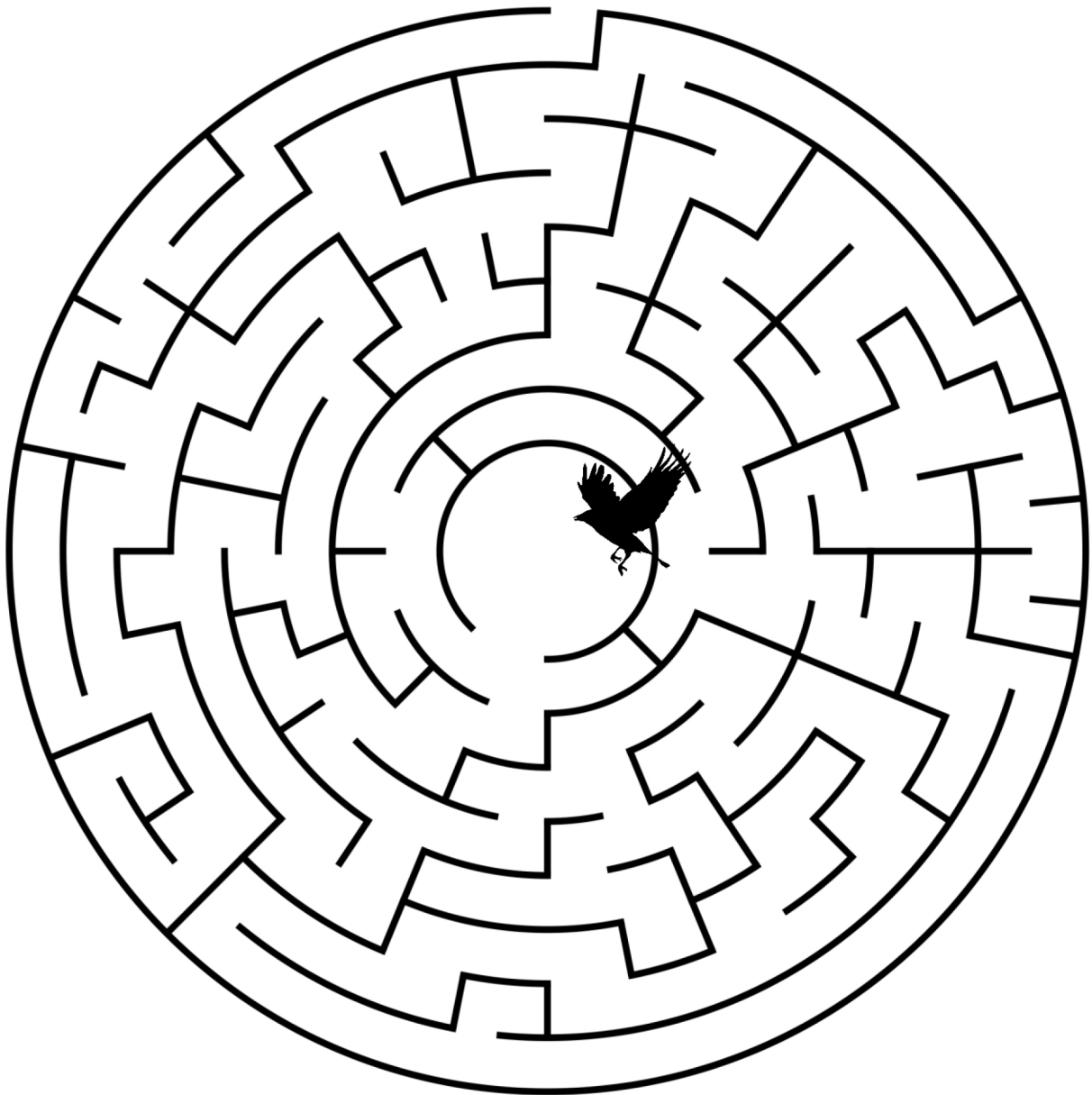
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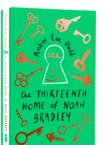
MAZE:

Noah must escape from the black birds! Help him make his way through this maze to safety (start in the centre)!



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