



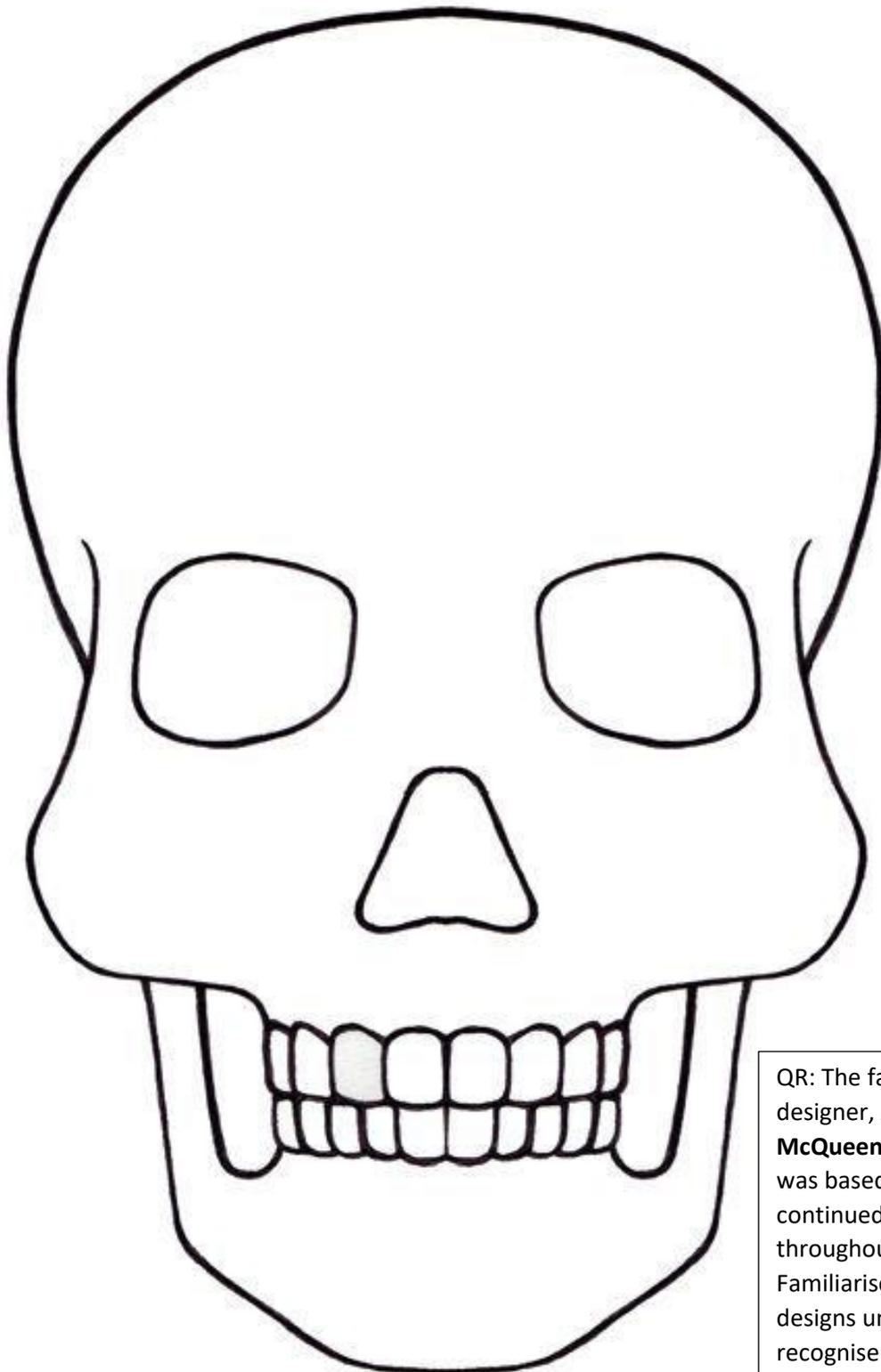
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The following tasks that are related to your Art **'Storytelling'** project. You should take 5 hours to complete this booklet.

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1. Design a skull in the style of a horror film poster, or book cover. Think about what gives people the 'chills' when choosing something to watch or read. Draw the details in a 'ghost' line to start, then add the detail proper with a black *Biro* style pen. Think back to the last time you used a tonal key and apply your knowledge to the task.



QR: The famous fashion designer, **Alexander McQueen**'s first runway show was based on skulls. He continued to use this motif throughout his career. Familiarise yourself with his designs until you could recognise one in a quiz.

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The Horror Story

The creation of characters is essential for the success of a story; they should have characteristics which endear* themselves to the reader, or makes them abhorrent*. A character is the thread that ties the story together. Drama, or atmosphere, is created by revealing information to the reader, but the most dramatic stories allow the reader to imagine what might happen next, they create..... Anticipation*.

Your challenge is to create a dark horror story for children aged between 8 and 13 years old. It must be between 500 and 1000 words.

Firstly – find the definition of the three words with a *star* - this will help you in this task.

Essential ingredients:

1. Tap into common fears – what are a lot of people afraid of?
2. Strike the right atmosphere – when are you afraid?
3. Make the stakes obvious – what's the worst that can happen?
4. Carefully consider your point of view – are you the narrator, the protagonist, the antagonist?
5. To twist or not to twist? Is it obvious? Will you create a 'shocking' moment no one would expect?
6. Don't forget the basics – 'One day' is not a suitable starter. '...it was all a dream', 'happily ever after' and 'they all died'... are not allowed as endings.
7. Look for something new – don't write a story which already exists...keep your ideas fresh!



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For the last task, choose a title for your horror story and design the front cover – you must use your skull design on page 1.

