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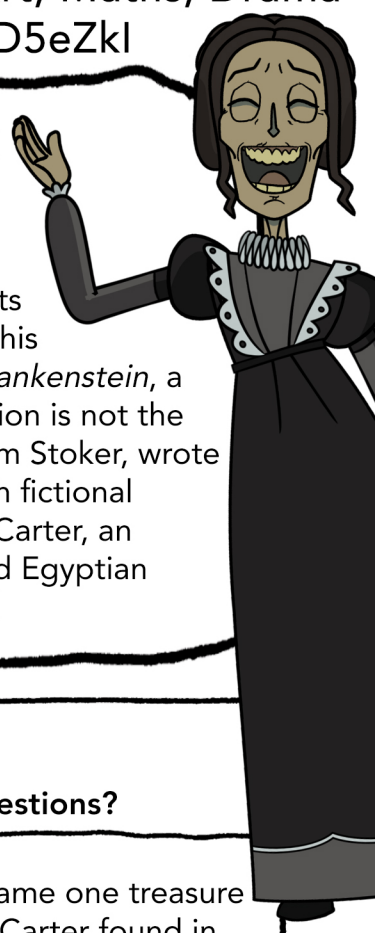
Halloween Special



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Watch the dead famous come to life in this animated history show based on the popular "Corpse Talk" graphic novel series by Adam and Lisa Murphy.

In this Halloween Special, our petrified presenter, Adam, meets three gruesome guests. But don't worry, there are no tricks in this episode, just treats! Our first guest is Mary Shelley, author of *Frankenstein*, a chilling story about a terrifying monster. But Mary's creepy creation is not the only monstrous creature in this episode; Adam's next guest, Bram Stoker, wrote a book all about a blood sucking villain from Transylvania! Which fictional monster will top the scare-o-meter? Our final guest is Howard Carter, an archaeologist and Egyptologist who unearthed a 3000-year-old Egyptian tomb. There are chills all round in this special scare-athon!

Dig up the Past

When you've watched the episode, can you answer these questions?

Where did Mary and her husband go on their first date?

What animal does Dracula turn into?

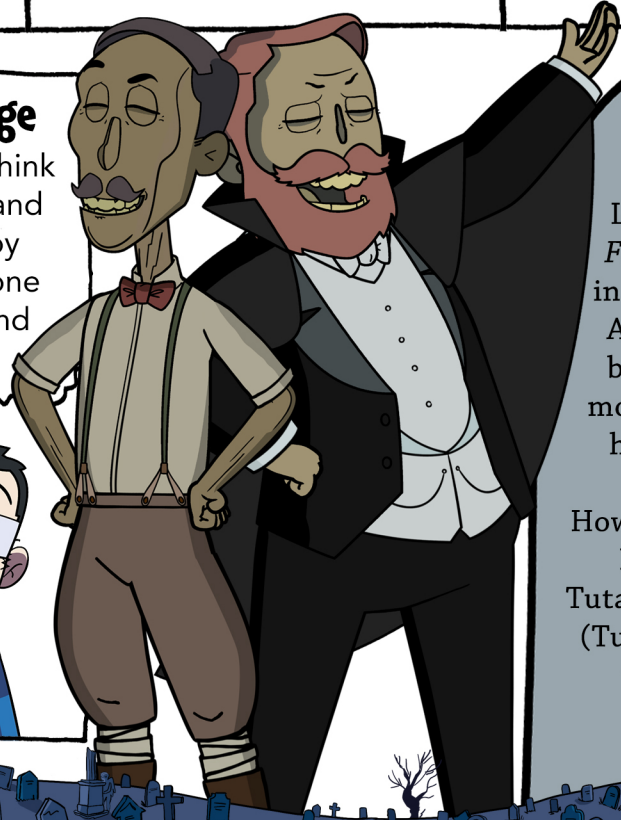
Can you name one treasure Howard Carter found in Tutankhamun's tomb?

Dead Quick Challenge

What sort of books do you think Mary Shelley, Bram Stoker and Howard Carter might enjoy reading? Can you think of one book you would recommend to each of them?

Deadly Dates

Mary Shelley was born in London in 1797. Her novel, *Frankenstein*, was published in 1818 when she was just 21. Abraham (Bram) Stoker was born in Ireland in 1847. His most successful novel, a gothic horror story called *Dracula*, was published in 1897. Howard Carter was born in 1874. He discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun in November 1922. (Tutankhamun was an Egyptian pharaoh who died around 1323 BCE.)



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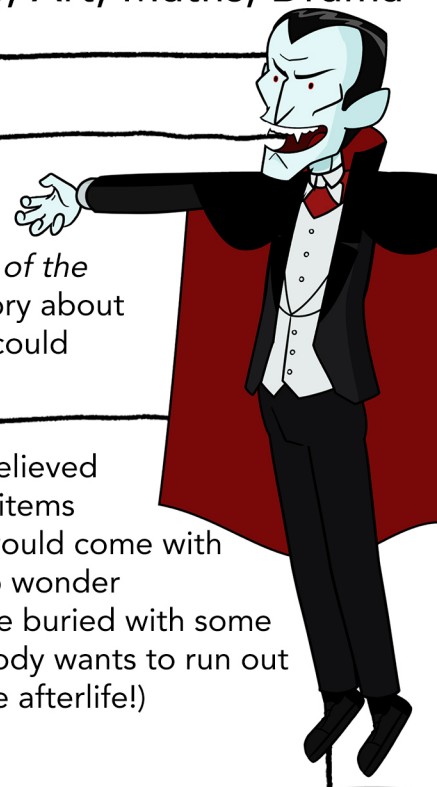
Fun Facts

Mary Shelley first came up with the idea for *Frankenstein* when she was on holiday with her friends. The weather was so terrible, they decided to make up stories to keep each other entertained. (Beats *another* game of eye-spy!)

As well as *Dracula*, Bram Stoker wrote many other novels including *The Lair of the White Worm*, a horror story about a giant white worm that could transform into a woman!

During Howard Carter's life, there was a rumour that anyone who entered an ancient Egyptian tomb would be struck by a curse called 'the mummy's curse'. Carter was unconvinced, calling the rumour 'foolish superstition'. It appears he was right to be sceptical because, despite entering Tutankhamun's tomb, he went on to live a long and healthy life!

The Ancient Egyptians believed that after they died, any items buried alongside them would come with them to the afterlife. (No wonder Tutankhamun chose to be buried with some spare underpants... nobody wants to run out of clean underwear in the afterlife!)



Plan the sequel to *Frankenstein*



In the final chapter of Mary Shelley's novel, *Frankenstein*, the monster is doomed to wander the Arctic alone forever.

But what if this is not the end of the story?
What do you think might happen next?

Draw the front cover and write a blurb for your very own sequel to *Frankenstein*! What will the first sentence of your sequel be?



Make a set of Monster Trump Game cards

Mary Shelley and Bram Stoker both wrote novels about terrifying, monstrous characters. Can you make a set of terrifying monster trump game cards? Include *Frankenstein's* monster and *Dracula*, plus any monsters from other books you've read and maybe some made up monsters of your own! You could give each monster a score for speed, size, scariness and danger. Which monster will score the highest for scariness?



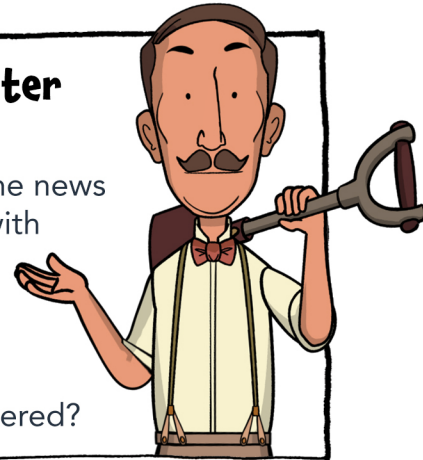
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Role play a news interview with Howard Carter

It's 1922 and Howard Carter has just discovered Tutankhamun's tomb. You are a news reporter and you are desperate to be the first to break the news of this extraordinary find. You manage to secure an exclusive interview with Howard Carter! What questions will you ask him about his remarkable discovery? Write a list of questions in your reporter's notebook.

Now, with a partner, role-play an interview with Howard Carter. What will you find out about Tutankhamun's tomb and how it was discovered?



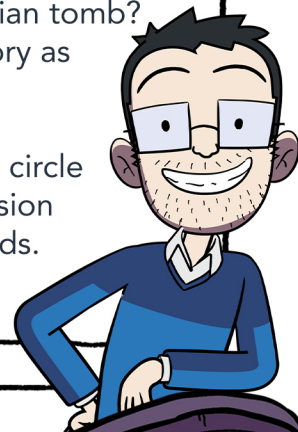
Make up a spooky story!

Become an author and make up your very own spooky story, just like Mary Shelley and Bram Stoker! Your story will be called 'The Mummy's Curse'. (Howard Carter may have called the mummy's curse 'foolish superstition', but it still makes for a good story!)

You might like to take inspiration from Carter's real-life story but use your imagination to add fictional elements making it dramatic, dark and scary like Mary and Bram's novels.

Who will your main character be? Why do they enter an Egyptian tomb? What is the mummy's curse? See if you can make your story as gripping and as scary as Frankenstein and Dracula!

You could write your story, create a cartoon strip or sit in a circle with your classmates and hold a spooky story-telling session just as Mary did when she was on holiday with her friends.



Before You Go

If you could invite any three characters from history to appear on your very own episode of Corpse Talk, who would you invite?

What questions would you like to ask them?

