

Virtual

LONE STAR Storytelling Festival



Discussion Guide

On a Dark and Stormy Night

What kind of story is *On a Dark and Stormy Night*? Is it a myth, fable, ghost story, or urban legend?

Facts on Fiction: Urban legends are surprising, often scary stories that are told as if they are true. They usually take place in the not-too-distant past and usually to the teller, or someone they knew. Urban legends are often used to teach lessons, usually what not to do.

What happened in the beginning of the story?

What happened in the middle of the story?

What elements of the story were repeated?

What made the storyteller decide to talk to the old woman? Would you have opened the window and talked to her?

What happened at the end of the story? Did the ending surprise you?

How else could the story have ended? Try telling the story, but this time give it a different ending. Would you make the ending scarier? Sillier? More mysterious?

If you liked this story or want something even spookier, check out these books:



[Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark by Alvin Schwartz](#)

[In a Dark, Dark Room and Other Scary Stories by Alvin Schwartz](#)

[When the Lights Go Out by Margaret Read MacDonald](#)

[Creepy Urban Legends by Tim O'Shie](#)

[Scary Folk Tales by Megan Kopp](#)

Learn a scary story and tell it to your friends or family on the next dark and stormy night!

