

# Halloween Activity: *Vincent by Tim Burton*

## 1- Complete the transcript of the short movie

### Tim Burton's poem

Vincent Malloy is \_\_\_\_\_ years old  
He's always polite and does what he's \_\_\_\_\_  
For a boy his age, he's considerate and nice  
But he wants to be just like Vincent Price

He doesn't mind living with his **sister, dog and cats**  
Though he'd rather share a home with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
There he could reflect on the horrors he's invented  
And wander dark hallways, alone and tormented

Vincent is nice when his \_\_\_\_\_ comes to see him  
But imagines dipping her in \_\_\_\_\_ for his wax museum

He likes to experiment on his **dog** Abercrombie  
In the hopes of creating a horrible zombie  
So he and his horrible zombie dog  
Could go searching for victims in the London \_\_\_\_\_

His thoughts, though, aren't only of ghoulish crimes  
He likes to **paint and read** to pass some of the times  
While other kids read books like *Go, Jane, Go!*  
Vincent's favourite author is Edgar Allen Poe

One night, while reading a gruesome tale  
He read a passage that made him turn \_\_\_\_\_

Such horrible news he could not survive  
For his beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ had been buried alive!  
He dug out her **grave** to make sure she was dead  
Unaware that her grave was his mother's flower bed

His mother sent Vincent off to his **room**  
He knew he'd been banished to the tower of doom  
Where he was sentenced to spend the rest of his life  
Alone with the portrait of his beautiful wife

While alone and insane encased in his tomb  
Vincent's **mother** burst suddenly into the room  
She said: "If you want to, you can go out and play  
It's \_\_\_\_\_ outside, and a beautiful day"

Vincent tried to talk, but he just couldn't speak  
The years of isolation had made him quite \_\_\_\_\_  
So he took out some paper and scrawled with a pen:

"I am possessed by this house, and can never leave it again"

His **mother** said: "You're not possessed, and you're not  
almost dead

These games that you play are all in your \_\_\_\_\_  
You're not Vincent Price, you're Vincent Malloy  
You're not tormented or insane, you're just a young \_\_\_\_\_  
You're seven years old and you are my son  
I want you to get outside and have some real \_\_\_\_\_."

Her anger now spent, she walked out through the hall  
And while Vincent backed slowly against the wall  
The **room started to swell, to shiver and creak**  
His horrid insanity had reached its peak

He saw Abercrombie, his zombie \_\_\_\_\_  
And heard his **wife** call from beyond the grave  
She spoke from her **coffin** and made ghoulish demands  
While, through cracking walls, reached \_\_\_\_\_ hands

Every horror in his life that had crept through his \_\_\_\_\_  
Swept his mad laughter to terrified screams!  
To escape the madness, he reached for the door  
But fell limp and lifeless down on the \_\_\_\_\_

His voice was soft and very slow  
As he quoted The Raven from Edgar Allen Poe:

*"and my soul from out that shadow  
that lies floating on the floor  
shall be lifted?  
Nevermore..."*



## 3-Answer the following questions about the story.

- 1) How old is Vincent Malloy?
- 2) How **does** he want to be?
- 3) Whom **does** he live with?
- 4) What **does** he also share his home with?
- 5) What **does** he imagine when his aunt visits him?
- 6) Why **does** he like to experiment with his dog Abercrombie?
- 7) Who **is** Vincent favorite author?
- 8) What horrible news **did** he read?
- 9) Why **did** his mother **send** him to his room?
- 10) Who **was** with him in the isolation?
- 11) What **did** his mother **tell** him to do?
- 12) What **did** he **see** when he **became** more insane?
- 13) What **happened** to him when he **wanted** to scape?