

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?