**Quick-Write Horror Story Prompts**

Write each of the following prompts. Spend just five minutes on each one.

1. Brainstorm a list of story ideas. Include the character, setting, and the problem/conflict he or she will face.
2. Generate a plot outline. Include the opening incident, a complication, a climax, and a resolution.
3. Exposition – Show us your character through the character’s words and actions and through useful description. Maybe this includes the opening incident.
4. Rising Action Part 1 – Show us the opening incident. If you already wrote this, go back and improve it.
5. Rising Action Part 2 – Show us the complication.
6. Climax – Show us the climax of your story. This is where the central problem or conflict is dealt with or decided.
7. Falling Action – Show us what happens after the climax. Maybe your character wants to reflect on what happened and try to make sense out of it.
8. Revising – Go back and make something better.