Writing a ghost story

To write a scary story, you need a scary setting, a scary plot line and plenty of scary words. Many ghost stories are set in old places which are in ruins. Castles and old houses are typical. Ghost stories also typically feature some sort of tragic event which causes the ghost to appear.

You can use the following framework to plan the details of your story and some scary vocabulary.

Title: (What is the title of your story?)
E.g. *The haunted schoolhouse*
Setting: (Where does the story take place?)
E.g. *an old, creepy abandoned school*
Characters: (Who is in the story?)
E.g. *6 friends having fun*
Setting the scene: (What time of day is it? What is the weather like?)
E.g. *It was a dark and stormy night, just after midnight*
Action: (What happens in the story?)
E.g*. The 6 friends jumped over the locked fence and made their way into the school. They started writing graffiti on the black boards, playing loud music. They broke the desks so they could make a fire.*
Climax: (What is the most exciting part of the story? How did the characters feel?)
E.g. *The dark, menacing form of the teacher appeared along with a blood-curdling scream. The friends were petrified.*
Resolution: (What happened as a result?)
E.g. *The friends ran out of the school and never went back*

<u>Scary adjectives:</u>
abandoned, blood-curdling, creepy, dark, deserted, eerie, enchanted, forbidden, frightening, frightful, ghastly, ghostly, gloomy, haunted, intimidating, menacing, mysterious, old, petrifying, ruined, scary, sinister, spine-chilling, spooky, strange, terrifying, unearthly, weird

<u>Scary verbs:</u>
To loom, to appear, to jump, to shriek, to scream, to creak, to howl

<u>Scary sounds:</u>
Footsteps in the night, creaking door, a scream, rustling leaves

<u>Scary things:</u>
Black cat, full moon, dark night, forbidden forest, haunted house, black bat, a blood-curdling scream, shadows, nightmare