Activities

1. **Put Lily on Trial**

Question: Is Lily a victim or a villain?

- Split the class into prosecution and defence teams.
- Each side gathers evidence from the novel.
- Students present arguments and cross-examine witnesses.
- Class jury votes at the end.

2. **Create a News Report**

Headline: "Mysterious Events at Gant House!"

Students write or film:

- Witness interviews
- Expert opinions
- Reports from the scene

3. **Create the Missing Diary Entry**

Write a diary entry from:

- Holly
- Lily
- A member of Holly's family
- Someone connected to Gant House

Students should reveal feelings and hidden thoughts.

4. **Storyboard a Film Trailer**

Students plan:

- Opening shot
- Scary moments
- Voice-over
- Final cliffhanger

5. **Design the Portal to Death**

Students draw or digitally create the portal using clues from the novel.

Then explain:

- What it looks like
- What it symbolises
- Why their design is effective

6. **Design Gant House**

"A family moves into an isolated house with a dark secret."

Groups draw the house and label:

- Haunted locations
- Hidden rooms
- Areas they would avoid
- Evidence of a tragic past

7. **Escape Room Puzzle**

Create challenges based on themes:

- Decode a message from Lily.
- Solve a riddle about death.
- Match Gothic conventions to definitions.
- Complete a symbolism puzzle.

Knowledge of the book isn't essential.

8. **Build a Horror Story**

In groups, students receive random cards:

- Character
- Setting
- Fear
- Object

They create a mini horror story inspired by Lily's Monster.