CREATIVE WRITING NO. 7

The Yellow Door

What you will need:

- paper and pen.

What to do:

1. Using the image above, think about the following questions. Record your thinking on paper.
   - What might be behind the doors?
   - Why is only one door painted yellow?
   - Where might the doors be?

2. Write a seven sentence story about... What happens when you open the yellow door.
Seven Sentence Story Structure

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For example:

1. It was a dark and stormy night, too cold to be going outside but Jack didn’t have a choice.

2. He lived in a quiet street in Hobart, where the homes were old and run down.

3. Jack was meant to be studying, but he was thirsty and opened the fridge to discover his brothers had finished the last of the milk.

4. He would have to go out in the dark to buy more, would this be classified as an essential task, he wondered.

5. He began to walk down his street, every now and then he noticed curtains moving as people looked out their windows and watched.

6. He understood he had done the wrong thing, so he started to run as the shop came into view and he quickly ran inside.

7. He felt relieved as he reached out to grab the milk, paid quickly and began the slow, guilty walk up the hill to home.

What learning is happening:

- developing and extending your vocabulary
- learning how to write a variety of texts and genres
- generating ideas and thinking about what features and language make an engaging text.

Links to more information:

- The investigation by David Bell, 7 sentence story - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m43EF3k4Fao
- ‘The groundhog’s revenge’ by Gary Shteyngart, 7 sentence story - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lq7YSIAMjWQ
- Learning at home on the Department of Education website

1 www.education.tas.gov.au/parents-carers/learning-at-home/