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## IHS students begin 'American Nightmares' unit with visit from professional horror writers

The English students at Ionia High School are in the midst of their "American Nightmares" unit, and had the opportunity to speak to professional writers who know a thing or two about ghastly publications on Thursday.













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Students listen intently and take notes during the workshop by members of the Great Lakes Association of Horror Writers, The IHS students are currently learning about dark romanticism and gothic writers,



Page 2 of 2 - "I like to say that our group membership numbers trend the same as the FBI stats for known serial killers in the United States," Stormer joked. "So somewhere between 35 and 50."

After a class-long question and answer session, the students walked away with plenty of notes for their own stories.

"This is writing that's real," Ward said. "It's not just writing a story for the teacher, and that's the only person that's going to see it."

For more information on becoming a member of the Great Lakes Association of Horror Writers, visit www.glahw.com/membership.

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