



## Lantern of Warning

**Directions:** Read the passage carefully. **Foreshadowing** is when the author drops subtle hints about what might happen later in the story. These clues create suspense, build curiosity, or prepare readers for events to come. After reading, identify the hints in the story and explain what they might suggest about future events.

### The Storm Lantern

Eli tapped the glass of the lantern, frowning when the flame flickered low. "Strange," he muttered. "I filled it just this morning." His older cousin Nora glanced out the cabin window at the darkening sky. "The wind's picking up. We should check the shutters before it gets worse." Eli shrugged but tightened his grip on the lantern. For some reason, the dim light made him uneasy. A faint howl echoed in the distance, and he shivered.

"Probably just the wind," Nora said quickly, though her eyes lingered on the forest beyond the cabin. She pulled the heavy curtains closed, as if she didn't want to see what might come out of the trees. Eli set the lantern on the table, noticing that the shadows in the corners seemed to stretch farther than usual. Something told him that tonight would not be an ordinary night.

### Activity: Foreshadowing Finder

1. What clues in the passage suggest that trouble is coming?
2. How do these hints build suspense for the reader?
3. What might the dim lantern symbolize about future events?
4. If you were predicting, what do you think might happen next? Use foreshadowing evidence to support your idea.