

**Elements Proposal**

**Elements in the Gothic**

Format and Multimedia

Elements are short form, digital first publications of 20,000—30,000 words in length. Each Element begins with an introduction (up to 5000 words), which situates the arguments and original research that follow within the broader critical field. The introduction should be followed by 3-5 short chapters or sections, each of which develops the initial argument(s).

Elements are digital-led and may include multimedia content such as images, sound or video files, data visualisations, links and other digital content as well as text. All multimedia content must be freely accessible, without individual or institutional subscriptions, to readers of your Element. Please contact the Series Editors to discuss multimedia content further.

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Published Elements will have both ISSNs and ISBNs. The ISSN is the same across the series, but each individual element has its own ISBN and in many respects is therefore treated as a small book.

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Please fill out this form in as much detail as you can and send it, by email, to the Series Editors, Professor Dale Townshend (D.Townshend@mmu.ac.uk) and Professor Angela Wright (a.h.wright@sheffield.ac.uk)

**Element Information**

Series: Elements in the Gothic

Series Editors: Dale Townshend and Angela Wright

Proposed Title of Element:

Proposed delivery date of manuscript for peer review (if proposal is accepted):

Is this a solicited or unsolicited proposal?

**Author Information**

**Author’s Name:**

**Title:**

**Affiliation:**

**Email address:**

**Contact Phone Number:**

**Postal address:**

**Brief Author Bio (Why are you writing this Element? What are your credentials?):**

**Your Element**

Please give us some information below about your proposed Element, going into as much detail as you can. Please note that, in the case of an unsolicited proposal, the series editors may request further detail or information following submission of this proposal form.

**Abstract (please give a brief description of your proposed Element):**

* **Elements should be accessible to experts in the field as well as students, generalists and specifically, teachers, who we hope will use them in the classroom. Please remember to foreground the ‘so what?’ question in your proposal and chapters, making it clear why readers will want to read this.**

**Outline of contents:**

* **The Introduction for your Element should be 5-8k words in length. Please give a brief outline of it here (c. 200-300 words), indicating the main argument(s) of your Element and the ways in which it engages with existing scholarship in your area of research.**
* **The Introduction should be followed by 3-5 sections of 5-8k words each. Please give an abstract of c.200-300 words here for each of these sections.**
* **Elements are 20-30k words in length. Please indicate the proposed length of each section of your Element.**

**Distinctive features/ perspectives (selling points):**

**In text materials required? Please give details (tables/ graphs/ photographs/ line drawings/other):**

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| Number of colour figures | Number of black and white figures | Number of in-line audio files | Number of in-line video files | Number of Code Ocean Widgets | Number of Interactive Java image files | Any other file formats (please provide details) | Supplementary Resources (please provide details) |
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**Pedagogical features, digital functionality, or other text extension material that could be hosted alongside the Element on the Cambridge platform?**

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YES/NO (please delete as appropriate)

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| Do you plan to submit your Element for future UK Research Excellence Frameworks?  | YES/NO |