

sombre-adj.

dark or dull in color or tone; gloomy

sentinel-n.

a soldier or guard whose job is to stand and keep watch

spur-v.

to urge (a horse) forward by digging one's heels into its sides

impetuous-adj.

moving forcefully or rapidly

spectral-adj.

like a ghost

tranquil-adj.

free from disturbance; calm

alders-n.

widely distributed trees of the birch family