

Week 8

Literary Analysis: Edgar Allan Poe

- ✗ Review
- ✗ Edgar Allan Poe Presentation
- ✗ Preview and Discussion
- ✗ Annotation and Analysis
- ✗ Short Film
- ✗ Grammar Fails



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Let's Take a Look

What is Literary Analysis? How do you Write the Essay?

Examine a written work by looking at....

- **Story Elements**

- Plot
- Setting
- Characters
- Conflict
- Theme

- **Literary Devices**

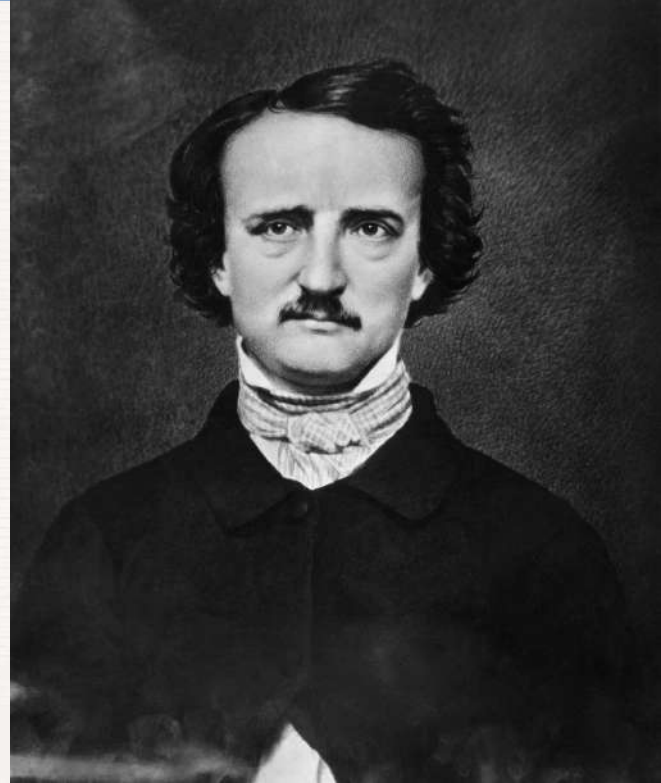
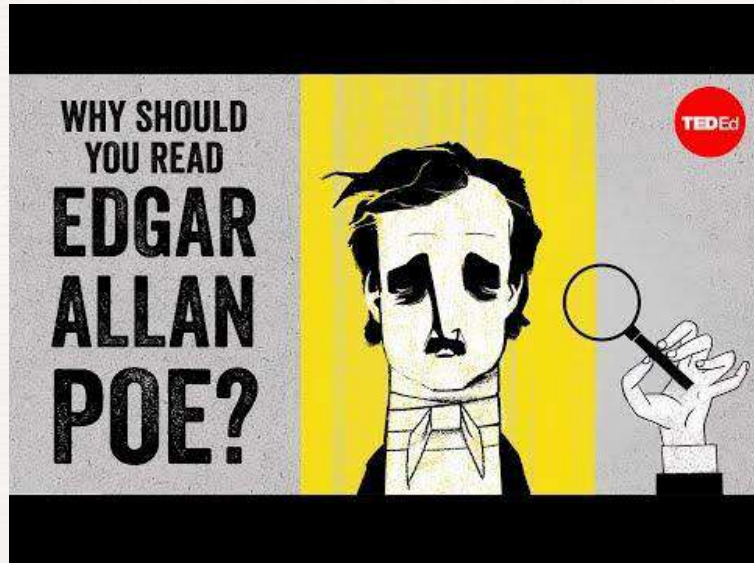
- Figurative Language
- Imagery
- Irony
- Foreshadowing
- Tone & Mood
- Symbolism

Sparknotes

1. Focus on the Theme/Elements/Devices
2. Collect Evidence
3. Construct a Thesis
 - a. Author's use of story element
 - b. Combined with use of lit. device
 - c. Help show the theme of ...
4. Write Introduction
 - a. Attention getter
 - b. author/title/short summary
 - c. Thesis statement
5. Write Body Paragraphs
 - a. Claim/Evidence/Reason
6. Write Conclusion

Edgar Allan Poe

- Edgar Allan Poe was an American author, poet, editor, and literary critic who is best known for his tales of mystery. Many people credit him with the invention of the detective fiction genre.



The Poe Toaster

- The Poe Toaster is the unofficial nickname given to a mysterious figure dressed in black who, from 1949 to 2009, paid an annual tribute to Edgar Allan Poe by visiting his original grave marker every January 19 (Poe's birthday). The figure would leave three roses and a partially filled bottle of French cognac, then disappear into the night.



The Gothic Genre

- What is the Gothic Genre and what are some common characteristics of stories within this category?

Gothic literature became popular in Europe in the 18th century. It places strong emphasis on intense, yet opposite, emotions such as pairing terror with pleasure, death with romance. Gothic stories are characterized by darkly picturesque scenery and eerie stories of horror.

Common characteristics include:

- Setting in a castle
- An atmosphere of mystery and suspense
- Supernatural or otherwise inexplicable events
- High emotions
- A victim who is helpless

Literary examples include:

- Dracula by Bram Stoker
- Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
- The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson
- The Tell Tale Heart by Edgar Allan Poe



The Gothic Genre

- Let's learn more about Poe, the Gothic Genre, and some of his other stories.



Preview Discussion

What are some of your greatest fears?



Have you ever tried to hide something you did or blame it on someone else?



What habit or trait do you find extremely irritating or annoying in someone?



Short Film Version

Let's Take a Look...

Listen and watch an animated retelling of the story.

How does fear drive action?
What does the narrator fear and why?



Short Film Version

Let's Take a Look...

Listen and watch an animated retelling of the poem.

How is the notion of insanity explored in this poem? What does the raven represent?

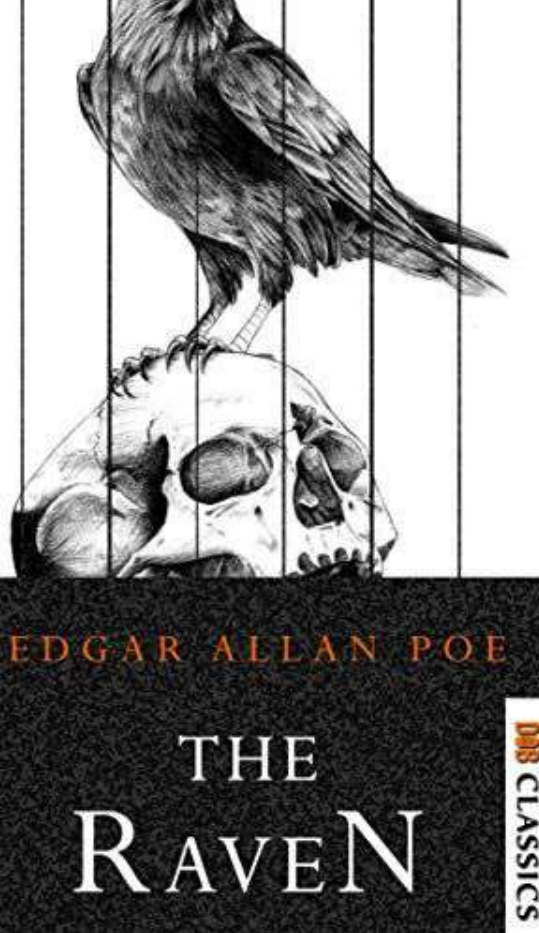


Analysis Question

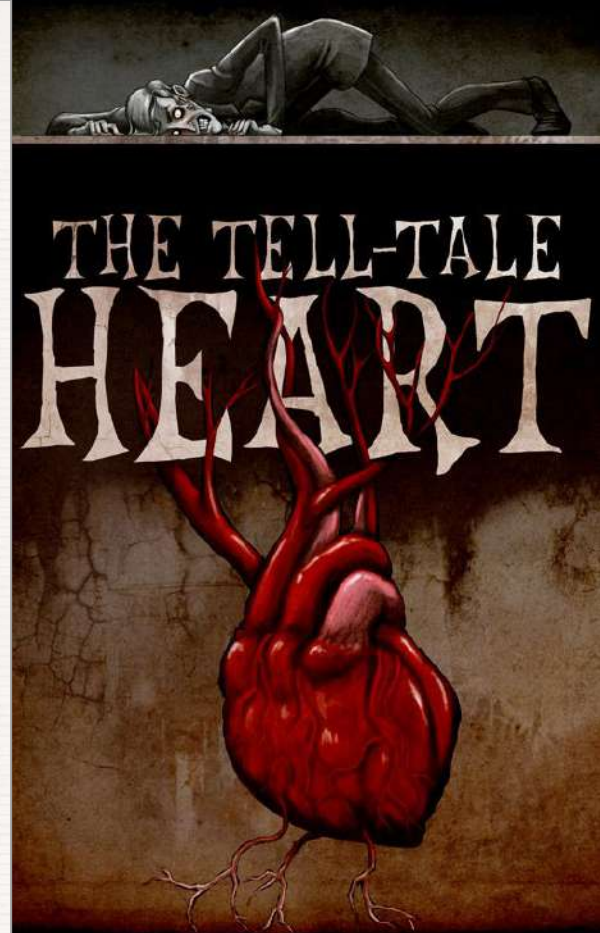
How does Poe's word choice establish the story's mood and foreshadow coming events?

The above question works for both stories.

Let's discuss an outline of what an essay would look like for each of these stories.



[Raven Story Link PDF](#)



[Tell Tale Heart Story Link PDF](#)

The Raven

Claim: What is the mood:

Evidence: Words Poe uses to create mood

Reason: Explain why these words create this mood

Claim: What is foreshadowing:

Evidence: Words where Poe uses foreshadowing

Reason: Explain why these words foreshadow something and how that enhances the overall mood

The Tell Tale Heart

Claim: What is the mood:

Evidence: Words Poe uses to create mood

Reason: Explain why these words create this mood

Claim: What is foreshadowing:

Evidence: Words where Poe uses foreshadowing

Reason: Explain why these words foreshadow something and how that enhances the overall mood

Parody Version: The Simpsons

True status in life is reached when The Simpsons or South Park makes a parody of you.




Grammar Fails

And Other Horrible Insults to the English Language

Each week, we will shame these Darwin winners with their unique understanding of the English language.







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