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## “The Tell-Tale Heart”

Edgar Allan Poe – January 1843

As you listen to “The Tell-Tale Heart,” answer following questions. All questions should be answered in complete sentences. 😊

1. Who is telling this story (narrating)? Is it the story told in first, second, or third person? How do you know?
2. What is your first impression of the narrator? What does he try convincing the reader of? Explain with evidence from the text.
3. How can the old man best be characterized? Explain with evidence from the text.
4. How does the narrator feel about the old man in general? What is it about the old man that troubles/bothers the narrator? Why? How often does the narrator mention this “thing” in the story?
5. Why does the narrator wait eight days to commit his crime? How does he explain his reasoning?
6. How does the narrator feel immediately after he commits the murder? Do his feelings change? If so, how and why?
7. How does the murderer get rid of the victim’s body?

8. What does 'tell-tale' mean?
  
9. Are the conflicts in the story internal or external? Could they be both? Explain with evidence from the text.
  
10. Give **two direct and specific examples** (QUOTES) from the story that the author uses to create an atmosphere of horror or suspense. These are sentences that set or enhance the MOOD of the story.
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  - 2.)
  
11. Give one example where the author uses punctuation or repeated words or phrases in a sentence to show the mood of horror or suspense.
  
12. Provide examples (QUOTES) of the following from the story:
  - a. Alliteration
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Personification
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. Simile
  
13. What do you think the narrator is really hearing at the end of the story? Explain.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
14. Is the narrator in "The Tell-Tale Heart" insane? Explain with evidence from the text.