

Poe Assessment (fiction and nonfiction)

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Read the directions carefully before making your selections.

1. In "Tell-Tale Heart," how was the man feeling at the beginning of the story?
 - a. Nervous
 - b. Hungry
 - c. Angry
 - d. Happy
2. What sense was acute at the beginning of "Tell-Tale Heart"?
 - a. Smell
 - b. Hearing
 - c. Sight
 - d. Touch
3. What did the man try to convince that he was *NOT*?
 - a. Mad
 - b. Stupid
 - c. Evil
 - d. Hilarious
4. The narrator said the old man was sitting up in bed as he had done night after night doing what?
 - a. Listening to a clock ticking
 - b. Talking with his dead wife
 - c. Harkening to the death watches
 - d. Listening to his beating heart
5. How did the man describe the groan he heard?
 - a. One of pain
 - b. One of grief
 - c. One of surprise
 - d. One of mortal terror
6. How did the narrator feel when he opened the lantern and saw the old man's open eye?
 - a. Furious
 - b. Afraid
 - c. Calm
 - d. Excited
7. How did the narrator kill the old man?
 - a. By smothering him with a pillow
 - b. By pulling a heavy bed on top of him
 - c. By choking him
 - d. By stabbing him in the eye
8. Where did the narrator put the old man's body after killing him?
 - a. Under the floor
 - b. In the old man's garden
 - c. In the old man's closet
 - d. In their neighbors apartment.
9. **True or False:** In the exposition, we learn that the man loves the old man.
10. **True or False:** In the exposition, we learn that the man hates the old man because he is blind.
11. Which of the following would be the **best** theme for "Tell-Tale Heart"?
 - a. Don't fear what you don't understand
 - b. What happens in the dark will always come to light
 - c. Don't trust your neighbors
 - d. Many people are psychopaths
12. What words from the following quote help the reader **BEST** understand the meaning of the word **scantlings**?

"I then took up three planks from the flooring of the chamber and deposited all between the **scantlings**. I Then replaced the boards so cleverly, so cunningly, that no human eye...could detect anything wrong."

 - a. Flooring, cleverly
 - b. Chamber, cleverly
 - c. Chamber, boards
 - d. Flooring, boards

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13. In which lines does the man finally cave-in and confess?

- a. Lines 156-165
- b. Lines 175-176
- c. Lines 198-200
- d. Lines 195-197

14. When Poe writes of the narrator's thoughts he often used figurative language. Which type is used in lines 177-179?

- a. Simile
- b. Allusion
- c. Idiom
- d. Metaphor

15. "*All in vain*; because Death, in approaching him, had stalked with his black shadow before him and enveloped the victim," is an example of ...

- a. Metaphor
- b. Personification
- c. Idiom
- d. Simile

16. According to the article, "The James Holmes Trial and the Insanity Defense,"

- a. Criminals have mental health issues.
- b. Prosecutors always use the insanity defense.
- c. The insanity defense is controversial defense option.
- d. All inmates have mental health issues.

17. In the article, which criminal case was a good example of the insanity defense **working** for the murderer (allowed him/her to be found not guilty)? (**circle all that apply**)

- a. Eddie Routh, killer of Chris Kyle
- b. Edwin Alemany, kidnapper/murderer
- c. Andrea Yates, drowned her 5 children
- d. John Hinckley, Jr., attempted assassination of Ronald Reagan

18. Which meaning best fits the word vexed?

"...and so it was impossible to do the work; for it was not the old man who **vexed** me, but his Evil Eye.

- a. Challenged
- b. Annoyed and frustrated
- c. Excited
- d. Encouraged

19. The implied main idea of the article, "The James Holmes Trial and the Insanity Defense," is

- a. Criminals have mental health issues.
- b. Most criminals in jail are not guilty because they are *insane*.
- c. The insanity defense is a good tactic to use in court.
- d. The insanity defense rarely works and it is difficult to determine whether criminals are *insane* OR just *mentally ill*.

20. Based on the quote, what words could be used as synonyms for culpable? (**circle all that apply**)

"So, how do we distinguish between run-of-the-mill mental illness and insanity in determining whether a defendant is fully **culpable** for his or her offense?"

- a. Guilty
- b. At fault
- c. Honorable
- d. Accountable

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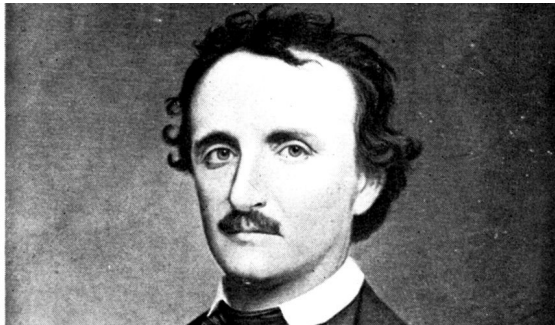
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Edgar Allan Poe

Synopsis: American short-story writer, poet, critic and editor Edgar Allan Poe was born on January 19, 1809, in Boston, Massachusetts. Poe created the modern detective story, and wrote tales of horror unrivaled in American fiction. His "The Raven" is one of the best-known poems in national literature.

Early Life

Edgar Allan Poe wrote short stories and poems, and earned an audience of readers all over the world. He came up with new forms of writing, and is often called the "Father of the Detective Story." However, his life is a bit of a mystery, and the lines between fact and fiction have blurred a great deal since his death.

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21. How does the image in the article support the text?

22. Using your copy of the article, summarize "Authors: Edgar Allan Poe."

23. Write one interesting fact about Poe that you can share with others.
