

TEST #1

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Activity #2: Literary Elements: A Writer's Sense of Style

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Edgar Allan Poe uses the following literary elements to develop his sense of style within his writings. Before reading the short story, discuss these literary elements with your students. While reading, have them identify examples of these elements and discuss them. After reading the story, students will then answer the questions that follow.

IMAGERY: Language that appeals to the senses (sight, sound, taste, touch, smell).

Example: "the hinges creaked".

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE: Whenever you describe something by comparing it with something else, you are using figurative language. The most common figures of speech are simile, metaphor, and alliteration.

• **Simile:** a comparison of two unlike things, typically marked by use of "like" or "as".

Example: "much such a sound as a watch makes when enveloped in cotton".

• **Metaphor:** A comparison of two unlike things using the verb "to be" and not using "like" or "as", like a simile does.

Example: "He is a pig".

• **Alliteration:** Repeated consonant sounds occurring at the beginning of words or within words. Alliteration is used to create melody, establish mood, call attention to important words, and point out similarities and contrasts.

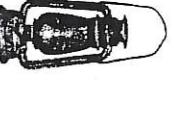
Example: "hideous heart".

REPETITION: where words or certain phrases are repeated for a stronger emphasis by the author. Example: "louder, louder".

SYMBOLISM IN "THE TELL TALE HEART"

EDGAR Allan Poe

NAME: _____

Symbol	Picture	What is this item for in our real lives? Describe it and what is often symbolizes.	Author's Words & Location (quote and paragraph #)	What do you think this symbol represents?
The (beating) Heart		<p>1. It pumps and keeps us alive.</p> <p>2. It is often used to represent love.</p> <p>3. A fast heart beat: fear</p> <p>4. Sadness & broken heart & emotion</p>	PART 2 (40 points)	<p>I think it represents <u>fear/guilt because heart</u> often represents <u>emotion</u> in every day life. In the story Poe writes "...here here!..." It is the <u>beating of his hideous heart</u>! That proves that heart symbolizes fear/guilt in "Tell Tale Heart".</p>
The Lantern		<p>1. Used to provide light</p> <p>2. Light: good/happiness</p> <p>3. Light: a source of life/civilization</p> <p>4. Protection</p>	<p>1. "With a loud yell, I threw open the <u>lantern</u> & looked into the room" (paragraph 4)</p> <p>2. "...I put in a dark <u>lantern</u>, all closed, closed that no light shone out..." (paragraph 2)</p> <p>3. "I undid the <u>lantern</u> cautiously..." (paragraph 3)</p> <p>4. "...was about to open up the <u>lantern</u> when my thumb slipped upon the fastening..." (paragraph 4)</p>	<p>I think it represents <u>safety</u> because <u>lantern</u> often represents <u>protection</u> in everyday life. In the story Poe writes "I undid the lantern cautiously" that proves that <u>lantern</u> symbolizes <u>safety</u> in "Tell Tale Heart".</p>

Symbol	Picture	What is this item for in our real lives? Describe it and what it often symbolizes.	Author's Words & Location (quote and paragraph #)	What do you think the symbol represents?
The Eye		<p>1. Organ provides sight 2. Spying 3. Protection 4. Fear ✓</p>	1. "He had the eye of a vulture" (paragraph 2) 2. "... thus rid myself of the eye forever" (paragraph 2)	<p>I think it represents eyes. It often represents sight in every day life. In the story, Poe writes "but I round the eye always & found the eye always closed; and so it was impossible to do the worse..." That proves that eye symbolizes spying in itself.</p>
The Bed/Bedroom		<p>1. provides a place to sleep ✓ 2. comfort & relaxation ✓ 3. safety 4. privacy</p> <p>1. "... as he lay upon his bed" (paragraph 3) 2. "... the old man sprang up in bed crying out..." (paragraph 4) 3. "He was still sitting up in the bed listening..." (paragraph 5) 4. "... and pulled the heavy bed over him" (paragraph 9)</p>	1. "... as he lay upon his bed" (paragraph 3) 2. "... the old man sprang up in bed crying out..." (paragraph 4) 3. "He was still sitting up in the bed listening..." (paragraph 5) 4. "... and pulled the heavy bed over him" (paragraph 9)	<p>I think it represents relationships because bed often represents comfort. In the story, Poe writes "... as he lay upon his bed" that proves that bed symbolizes sleep. In "Tell Tale Heart", bed symbolizes sleep in "Tell Tale Heart".</p>
Any other symbols you found?	Draw a Picture	<p>1. A liquid we need in our body. ✓ 2. death/kill 3. blood</p> <p>1. "... no blood spot whatever" (paragraph 11) ✓ 2. "... my blood ran cold ..." (paragraph 2)</p>	1. "I think it represents death because blood often represents life in everyday life. In the story Poe writes "no blood of whatever" That proves that blood symbolizes death in "The Tell Tale Heart".	