

Link to video is on my site on “American Literature Page” next to Poe’s picture: called “Terror of the Soul.”  
<http://drgranata.tripod.com/americanliterature/>

## Edgar Allan Poe Video Questions

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. What audience is Poe really writing for?
2. What did the narrator in The Tell Tale Heart decide to do to the old man?
3. What did Poe’s parents do for a living?
4. What is a “premature burial”?
5. How old was Poe when he was orphaned?
6. Why did Poe leave the Allan’s home?
7. What was Poe’s most famous poem?
8. How did Poe earn most of his money?
9. What trade (job) did Poe enter to earn his living?
10. Why did Poe work for such a short time at most of his jobs?
11. What would Poe have been know for by most people during his own lifetime?
12. Who did Poe marry and how was he related to her?
13. How did Poe handle his own finances/ money?
14. About how often did Poe publish a new short story?
15. What real fear(s) did Poe write about?
16. What has composer Phillip Glass done with two of Poe’s stories?
17. How does Poe make his readers believe the unbelievable?
18. In “The Cask of Amontillado,” one of the main characters names is Fortunato. Why do you think Poe chose the name Fortunato? (Think – Irony)
19. What tool did Montessor produce to prove he was a mason and why is this ironic in light of what he does with the tool in the end of the story?
20. What happens to Fortunato in the end of the story?