

The Raven

Read Edgar Allan Poe's poem The Raven and answer the following questions. Think about each question carefully and answer thoroughly to get full credit. **Remember to use complete sentences.**

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Before reading, define the following terms:

Quaint	Balm	Chamber
Bleak	Nepenthe	Undaunted
Obeisance	Melancholy	Censer
Countenance	Relevancy	Dirges
Placid	Decorum	Discourse
Ominous	Token	Beguiling
Tempest	Lore	Implore

Answer the following questions:

1. The narrator of the poem is sad because his lost love is dead. What is her name and how does he try to escape his sorrow?
2. What fills the narrator's heart with terror in stanza 3?
3. Look up the the term Symbolism and how it pertains to literature.
4. Edgar Allan Poe is famous for using **symbolism** in his stories and poetry. How could the raven be a symbol in this poem? What clues does Poe give you to imply that the raven is a symbol rather than a literal creature?
5. Do you think the speaker of this poem has really lost his mind, or does he just seem very, very sad to you?

6. Do you trust the speaker? Do you think he gives us an accurate version of reality, or is it possible that he is making up or distorting some of these things? Explain.

7. Does the poem end the way you expected? How? Why?

8. Would you recommend this poem to a friend? Why or why not?