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“The Tell-Tale Heart” Literary Analysis

Language Literature 8 and 8X



Prompt:

Describe in a literary analysis how Edgar Allan Poe creates suspense and horror throughout the characters, setting, and plot of “The Tell Tale Heart.”

Assignment:

Write a five-paragraph literary analysis answering the prompt above. Your essay should follow this organizational structure:

INTRODUCTION:

- Hook
- Short Summary and Context
- Thesis/Claim

BODY PARAGRAPH 1:

- Topic Sentence
- Observations
- Insight
- Closing Sentence

BODY PARAGRAPH 2:

- Topic Sentence
- Observations
- Insight
- Closing Sentence

BODY PARAGRAPH 3:

- Topic Sentence
- Observations
- Insight
- Closing Sentence

CONCLUSION:

- Review of Thesis/Claim
- Brief Review of Points in Body Paragraphs
- Concluding Sentence

Introduction Paragraph

(First Paragraph of Essay)

Hook: *(general statement that relates to the world and grabs the reader's attention)*

Short Summary: *(brief background information about the story and sets up the context for your thesis/claim)*

Thesis/Claim: *(a firm statement that announces your argument)*

In "The Tell-Tale Heart," suspense is created through a(n) _____ plot,
(adjective)

a(n) _____ narrator, and a(n) _____ setting.
(adjective) *(adjective)*

Body Paragraph #1

(Second Paragraph of Essay)

Topic Sentence: *(Introduce the **first** part of your thesis.)*

_____,
(Transitional phrase)

Observation: *(textual evidence that supports your thesis)*

Lead in: _____

Observation: _____

_____ (Poe _____).



Insight: *(Give YOUR explanation for the textual evidence.)*

Insight #1 *(Explain the evidence in your own words.):*

Insight #2 *(Explain how the quote relates to thesis.):*

Closing Sentence: *(Make a final statement to support your thesis using this point.)*

_____,
(Transitional phrase)

Body Paragraph #2

(Third Paragraph of Essay)

Topic Sentence: *(Introduce the **second** part of your thesis.)*

_____,
(Transitional phrase)

Observation: *(textual evidence that supports your thesis)*

Lead in: _____

Observation: _____

_____ (Poe _____).



Insight: *(Give YOUR explanation for the textual evidence.)*

Insight #1 *(Explain the evidence in your own words.):*

Insight #2 *(Explain how the quote relates to thesis.):*

Closing Sentence: *(Make a final statement to support your thesis using this point.)*

_____,
(Transitional phrase)

Body Paragraph #3

(Fourth Paragraph of Essay)

Topic Sentence: *(Introduce the **third** part of your thesis.)*

(Transitional phrase)

Observation: *(textual evidence that supports your thesis)*

Lead in: _____

Observation: _____

_____ (Poe _____).



Insight: *(Give **YOUR** explanation for the textual evidence.)*

Insight #1 *(Explain the evidence in your own words.):*

Insight #2 *(Explain how the quote relates to thesis.):*

Closing Sentence: *(Make a final statement to support your thesis using this point.)*

(Transitional phrase)

Conclusion Paragraph

(Fifth Paragraph of Essay)

Review thesis: *(Restate your thesis using different words.)*

Brief Review of Points: *(Summarize the three major points made in your body paragraphs.)*

Concluding Sentence: *(This sentence should relate the points you made in your body paragraphs to the rest of the world.)*