

# Exploring Poe's Purposeful Omissions in "The Tell-Tale Heart"

Be sure your close reading questions are complete and that they represent quality effort and attention to the tasks required.

Additionally, please respond to the information and questions below for your next class:

Poe provides NO direct characterization of his narrator (no name, no appearance. . .), and his description of the setting is general and lacking specific details.

**-Why does the Edgar Allan Poe purposefully choose to leave out these typically crucial elements in this story?**

**-How do these important omissions contribute to Poe's single effect?**

You may write your answer in the space below and on the back of this sheet.

*The only way to answer questions like these in a meaningful way is to read and reread the text until you are familiar enough to develop an informed opinion. If you don't get it, keep reading! Discuss ideas with others. There is no secret answer. The secret to success in ELA has been and will always be reading, writing and discussion of that reading and writing. Good luck! Have fun!*

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