ENGLISH LITERATURE

Let's start working with the poem "Annabel Lee" by Edgar Allan Poe

1) Go to the link https://poemuseum.org/poe-biography/ **and read Edgar Allan Poe's biography. Then, complete it.**



a) Poe was born on _____.

b) Poe died on _____.

c) The cause of his death is _____.

d) His father, David Poe, abandoned the family. _____

e) Poe _____ a good relationship with his foster family.

2) Read the biography again. Decide which heading best suits each piece of information.

a) Even though he was the first American writer to live completely off his earnings, he struggled to financially support himself and his family during most of his adulthood. _____

b) Edgar Allan Poe was part of a junior color guard. _____

c) His bout of cholera had made his health to be fragile. _____

d) Poe rekindled his childhood romance with Elmira Royster Helton. They got engaged before his death. _____

e) Poe attended the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. _____

f) "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" is particularly important because it was the first modern detective story. _____

g) Poe spent his last days drunk and in deplorable conditions. _____

h) After leaving the Southern Literary Messenger, he wrote some of his best-known stories. _____

i) Poe joined the army and did a great job, rising to the rank of sergeant major. _____

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3) Listen and read the poem.

Annabel Lee

by Edgar Allan Poe
(published 1849)

It was many and many a year ago,
In a kingdom by the sea,
That a maiden there lived whom you may know
By the name of ANNABEL LEE;--
And this maiden she lived with no other thought
Than to love and be loved by me.
I was a child and she was a child,
In this kingdom by the sea,
But we loved with a love that was more than love--
I and my Annabel Lee--
With a love that the winged seraphs of heaven
Coveted her and me.

And this was the reason that, long ago,
In this kingdom by the sea,
A wind blew out of a cloud
Chilling my beautiful Annabel Lee;
So that her high-born kinsman came
And bore her away from me,
To shut her up in a sepulchre
In this kingdom by the sea.

The angels, not half so happy in Heaven,
Went envying her and me:--
Yes! that was the reason (as all men know,
In this kingdom by the sea)
That the wind came out of a cloud by night,
Chilling and killing my Annabel Lee.

But our love it was stronger by far than the love
Of those who were older than we--
Of many far wiser than we-
And neither the angels in Heaven above,
Nor the demons down under the sea,
Can ever dissever my soul from the soul
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee:--

For the moon never beams without bringing me dreams
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;
And the stars never rise but I feel the bright eyes
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;
And so, all the night-tide, I lie down by the side
Of my darling, my darling, my life and my bride,
In her sepulchre there by the sea--
In her tomb by the sounding sea.

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4) Match the words in the poem that have a similar meaning to the following:

1) An unmarried woman	a) high-born
2) Angels	b) sepulchre
3) Envy	c) dissever
4) Of noble birth	d) maiden
5) A male relative	e) beam
6) Separate	f) coveted
7) Shine	g) seraphs
8) Tomb	h) kinsman

5) Choose the correct option to complete the story map.

a) In a kingdom by the sea.

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b) The Speaker and Annabel Lee.

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c) The speaker can't overcome his grief because of Annabel Lee's death.

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d) The poem finishes with the speaker telling how no one can ever separate their souls from one another.

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6) Which of these themes can be found in Poe's poem? You may choose more than one option.

- WAR
- DEATH
- GRIEF
- POVERTY
- LOVE
- FAMINE

7) Answer the questions.

a) What are some emotions you felt while reading the poem? What specific lines or stanzas caused you to feel those emotions? Why?



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