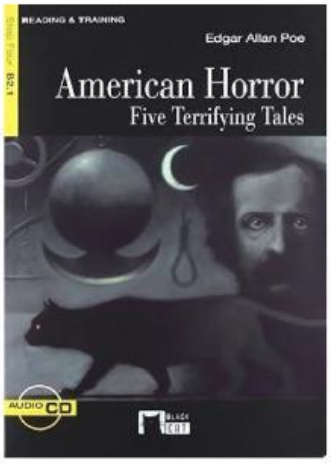
AMERICAN HORROR - Five Terrifying Tales

The Author: EDGAR ALLAN POE



A. Watch the video and answer the following questions. You can also read pages 4-5 to help you.

1. What Kinds of literature did Poe create?
2. What was the profession of Poe's parents?
3. Why did the Allan family decide to have Poe live with them?
4. Where did Poe study?
5. How old was Poe when he began his literary career?
6. What did Poe do for the *Southern Literary Messenger*?
7. Why did Poe continue to move from city to city?
8. Who did Poe marry?
9. Describe Poe's story "The Gold Bug".
10. What is the name of Poe's most famous poem?

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B. Watch the video and choose the correct answer: A, B, or C.

1. What does the word "gothic" refer to in literature?

A. Stories that are frightening, mysterious, and often dark

B. Stories about modern technology

C. Stories that are mainly humorous

2. What does "mystery" mean as a type of writing?

A. A story that explains scientific facts

B. A story involving a crime, secret, or unexplained event

C. A story about a writer's childhood

3. Poe is particularly famous for helping develop which type of story?

A. Detective and mystery fiction B. Historical romance C. Travel writing

4. What does the word "macabre" mean?

A. Related to death or disturbing subjects

B. Extremely funny and entertaining

C. Related to nature and the environment

5. What is a "tale" in literature?

A. A type of poem with a fixed number of lines

B. A story, usually fictional

C. A newspaper article about current events

6. What does "narrator" mean?

A. The person or voice that tells a story

B. The person who designs a book cover

C. The person who publishes a book

7. Which type of writing is The Raven?

A. Poetry B. Biography C. Newspaper journalism

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8. What is a "detective story"?

A. A story in which a character investigates a mystery or crime

B. A story describing the author's real childhood

C. A story explaining how to perform an experiment

9. What does "literary influence" mean?

A. The way one writer or work affects later writers or literature

B. The amount of money a writer earns

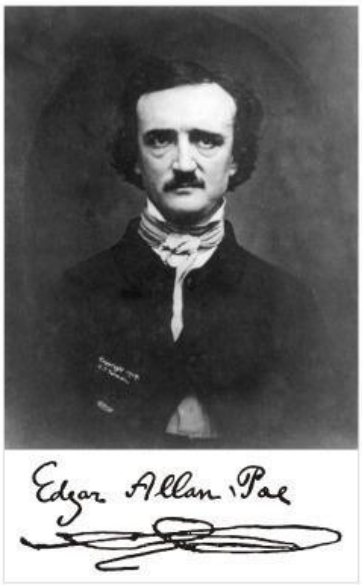
C. The number of pages in a book

10. Which description best fits many of Poe's works?

A. They often explore dark, mysterious, psychological, and frightening themes

B. They mainly describe everyday life in a humorous way

C. They are mostly instructional texts about science



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