

Stage 3

Tales of Mystery and Imagination

1 Which of the five stories do the following sentences come from? *The Fall of the House of Usher*, *The Black Cat*, *The Masque of the Red Death*, *William Wilson*, *The Tell-Tale Heart*.

- a 'At Oxford I spent a lot of my time gambling.' _____
- b 'I decided to hide the body behind the walls of the cellar.' _____
- c 'He painted strange pictures, and sang mysterious songs with wild words.' _____
- d 'I opened the lantern a little and a thin ray of light fell on his eye.' _____
- e 'But no one was brave enough now to enter the black room.' _____

2 Match a word from A with a definition from B.

A	B
1 _____ Evil	a A feeling of great fear or dislike
2 _____ Mad	b Making pictures in your mind
3 _____ Terror	c Very bad, very wrong
4 _____ Horror	d With a sick mind
5 _____ Imagination	e Very great fear

3 Use these five names to answer the questions: *Roderick Usher*, *Lady Madeleine Usher*, *the stranger* (in *The Masque of the Red Death*), *William Wilson* (the narrator), *the old man* (in *The Tell-Tale Heart*).

Who ...

- a nearly took all the money of a man called Glendinning?
- b had a pale blue eye like the eye of a vulture?
- c was buried alive in a vault under an old house?
- d had the face of a dead man, covered with blood?
- e could only eat food that almost had no taste?

4 Answer these questions. There is one about each of the stories.

- a What was next to the House of Usher, and finally closed over it?

- b What changed the narrator in *The Black Cat* from a quiet gentle man into a violent one?

- c Where did the light for Prince Prospero's seven rooms come from?

- d In which city did William Wilson kill the other William Wilson?

- e Where did the murderer put the old man's body and his 'tell-tale heart'?

5 Fill in the gaps using: *axe, cloak, dragon, lantern, sword*.

- a In Roderick Usher's favourite book, *The Sad, Mad life of Sir Launcelot Canning*, Ethelred fights a _____, with fire coming out of its mouth.
- b The narrator of *The Black Cat* kills his wife with an _____.
- c William Wilson had a very unusual and expensive _____. which a shop made specially for him.
- d William Wilson killed the other William Wilson with a _____.
- e The murderer in *The Tell-Tale Heart* looked at the old man with a _____ at night.