

Tales of Mystery and Imagination

Review: The Black Cat & The Masque of the Red Death

1) Choose the correct option

1. In The Black Cat, the narrator's "disease" was:
2. The word "gallows" (in the white mark on the cat's chest) refers to:
3. In The Masque of the Red Death, a "masque" is:
4. "Gloom" (used to describe the seventh room and the whole castle) means:

2) Put the moments of the stories into order

The Black Cat

- ___ The narrator kills his wife with an axe when she stops him from killing the new cat.
- ___ The narrator cuts out one of Pluto's eyes in a drunken state.
- ___ The police hear a scream coming from behind the cellar wall and pull it down.
- ___ The narrator hangs Pluto from a tree.
- ___ The narrator finds a new black cat with a white mark on its chest.
- ___ The narrator hides his wife's body behind a brick wall in the cellar.

The Masque of the Red Death

- ___ Prince Prospero chases the stranger through the six rooms with his sword.
- ___ Prince Prospero invites a thousand friends to hide in his castle.
- ___ A mysterious masked figure dressed as the Red Death appears at midnight.
- ___ The guests discover there is nothing inside the stranger's clothes and mask.
- ___ Prince Prospero locks the castle gates and throws away the keys.
- ___ Prince Prospero falls dead in the black room, and one by one, all the guests die too.

3) True or False

1. In The Black Cat, the narrator loved animals more than people. ____
2. Pluto was the name of the narrator's dog. ____
3. The second cat had lost one eye, just like Pluto. ____
4. The police found nothing unusual when they first searched the house. ____
5. In The Masque of the Red Death, everybody, including Prince Prospero, was terrified of the Red Death from the start. ____
6. The seventh room was black with blood-red windows. ____
7. The clock in the black room chimed happily and nobody paid attention to it. ____
8. Prince Prospero was the last person to die at the ball. ____

4) Match each character with its description

Description	Character
1. ____ I was cruel to the animal I once loved, and later killed my own wife.	A. Pluto / the black cat
2. ____ I refused to be troubled by the disease outside my castle walls.	B. The narrator (The Black Cat)
3. ____ I sat silently on top of the dead woman's head when the police found her.	C. Prince Prospero
4. ____ I was a large, clever, beautiful animal who lost an eye to my owner's cruelty.	D. The masque red death
5. ____ I walked silently through the seven rooms and no one dared to touch me.	