

AMERICAN HORROR - Five Terrifying Tales



THE TELL-TALE HEART

PART 1

A. Comprehension check: For questions 1-7 choose the answer - A, B, C or D - which you think fits best according to the text.

1. After his illness, the narrator says that he

- A ☐ suffered as if he were in hell. C ☐ did not want money anymore.
B ☐ could hear better than before. D ☐ felt as if he were in heaven.

2. The narrator thinks that people with mental illnesses

- A ☐ are very exact in their actions. C ☐ can hear precisely and well.
B ☐ can reason carefully. D ☐ are ignorant of everything.

3. The narrator wanted to kill the old man because

- A ☐ he didn't want to see his eye anymore.
B ☐ the old man hated him.
C ☐ he wanted to prove that he was not mad.
D ☐ after the disease he understood that the old man was evil.

4. The narrator finally decided to kill the old man after seven nights because earlier

- A ☐ he couldn't see the vulture eye. C ☐ he couldn't hear the old man's voice.
B ☐ he couldn't hear the old man's heart. D ☐ he couldn't feel the old man's fear.

5. What does the narrator think that he had in common with the old man?

- A ☐ acute senses B ☐ a terrible fear C ☐ a great anger D ☐ a horrible pain

6. How does the narrator feel about his plans to murder the old man?

- A ☐ confused B ☐ angry with himself C ☐ proud of his cleverness D ☐ afraid of the evil in himself

7. The sound of the old man's heart

- A ☐ increased the narrator's anger. C ☐ made him feel sorry for the old man.
B ☐ frightened the narrator. D ☐ increased the narrator's feeling of disgust.

PART 2

B. Comprehension check: Match the phrases in column A with the phrases in column B. There are three phrases in column B that you do not need to use.

Column A	Answer	Column B
A. The narrator finally decided to kill the old man		1. because he had heard a scream.
B. The old man's eye stopped troubling the narrator		2. because the narrator had cut it up into pieces.
C. The body fit under the boards		3. because he wanted to hide the noise.
D. A neighbor called the police		4. because he could not stand hearing the beating heart.
E. The narrator smiled at the police		5. because they were enjoying his horrible situation.
F. The narrator began talking louder		6. because the old man was dead.
G. The narrator was certain that the policemen smiled		7. because he was certain that he had hidden the body perfectly.
H. The narrator told the policemen to pull up the boards		8. because he didn't want the neighbors to hear the beating heart.
		9. because they were happy that the old man was dead.
		10. because he wanted to show the policemen he was innocent.
		11. because he thought the old man would try to escape.



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