

**POE'S DARK VERSES**  
**THE FALL OF THE HOUSE OF USHER**

**Multiple choice**

**Work in pairs, take turns reading the questions and possible answers to each other. Strike through all the wrong answers.**

**1. Why does the narrator visit the House of Usher?**

- a) He is invited for a party
- b) He is concerned about his friend Roderick Usher's health
- c) He wants to buy the house
- d) He is lost and looking for directions

**2. What is strange about the House of Usher?**

- a) It is floating in the air
- b) It has cracks and seems like it's falling apart
- c) It is always bright and colorful
- d) The house talks to the people inside

**3. Who else lives in the House of Usher besides Roderick?**

- a) His cousin
- b) His sister Madeline
- c) His mother
- d) His best friend

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**4. What illness does Roderick Usher suffer from?**

- a) He is afraid of sunlight and loud sounds
- b) He has a fear of water
- c) He can't remember anything
- d) He is afraid of the dark

**5. What happens to Madeline Usher in the story?**

- a) She runs away
- b) She falls asleep and never wakes up
- c) She is buried alive but comes back
- d) She marries the narrator

**6. How does the story describe the final collapse of the house?**

- a) It catches on fire and burns down
- b) The house splits in two and sinks into the tarn (lake)
- c) A storm destroys the house
- d) The house turns to dust

**7. What is the mood of "The Fall of the House of Usher"?**

- a) Cheerful and happy
- b) Mysterious and gloomy
- c) Exciting and adventurous
- d) Bright and hopeful

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**8. What does the House of Usher symbolize in the story?**

- a) Strength and power
- b) A dream world
- c) The decline and fall of the Usher family
- d) A safe place

**9. What natural event happens at the end of the story?**

- a) A tornado
- b) A lightning storm
- c) An earthquake
- d) A flood

**10. What happens to Roderick Usher at the end of the story?**

- a) He escapes the house safely
  - b) He leaves with the narrator
  - c) He dies when his sister returns
  - d) He disappears into the night
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### **Poem - ALONE**

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**1. What is the speaker talking about in the poem "Alone"?**

- a) A fun adventure with friends
  - b) How different he felt from others as a child
  - c) A scary dream he had
  - d) His love for nature
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**2. In the poem, how did the speaker feel about the things that made other people happy?**

- a) He felt the same happiness
  - b) He didn't understand their happiness
  - c) He was always bored
  - d) He was excited about everything
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**3. What does the speaker say he was always able to see in his life?**

- a) Darkness in things others didn't see
- b) Hidden treasures
- c) Beautiful sunsets
- d) Secret maps

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**4. What kind of things did the speaker experience that others did not?**

- a) Joyful moments and celebrations
  - b) Storms and sorrowful feelings
  - c) Trips to faraway lands
  - d) Magical creatures and fairy tales
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**5. What natural event does the speaker mention in the poem?**

- a) A sunny day
  - b) A stormy cloud
  - c) A rainbow
  - d) A snowfall
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**6. What is the mood of the poem "Alone"?**

- a) Sad and lonely
  - b) Happy and joyful
  - c) Excited and hopeful
  - d) Peaceful and calm
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**7. What does the speaker realize about his feelings of being different?**

- a) He enjoys being different
  - b) He wishes he were like others
  - c) He feels that being different is a curse
  - d) He doesn't care about being different
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**8. What might the speaker's feeling of being "alone" symbolize in the poem?**

- a) A special superpower
  - b) Feeling out of place or disconnected from others
  - c) Winning a contest
  - d) Becoming invisible
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**9. What is the speaker trying to explain by the end of the poem?**

- a) How he learned to be happy
  - b) How being different shaped his view of life
  - c) Why he loves being by himself
  - d) How he made new friends
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**1) What is the speaker doing when the visitor arrives ?**

- a. Reading a book
- b. Writing a letter
- c. Singing a song
- d. Sleeping

**2) Who is the unusual visitor ?**

- a. A man
- b. A pizza delivery person
- c. A black bird
- d. A young lady

**3) What is the word the visitor repeats ?**

- a. « Goodbye »
- b. « Hello »
- c. « Nevermore »
- d. « Forevermore »

**4) Why is the man sad at the beginning of the poem?**

- a. He lost the love of his life
- b. He is hungry
- c. He does not like birds
- d. He is scared
- e. He broke a mirror

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**5) Where does the visitor sit ?**

- a. On the TV
- b. On the chair
- c. On the bed
- d. On the head of Palas
- e. On the carpet
- f. On the mans shoulder

**6) Will the man see his love again ?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Never
- d. Maybe
- e. The poem does not tell us

**7) What does the man ask his visitor about Lenore ?**

- a. If she will come back to life
- b. If she is nearby
- c. If he will see her in the afterlife
- d. If he will one day forget her

**8) What is the mood of the poem ?**

- a. Happy
- b. Cheerful
- c. Scary
- d. Funny
- e. Mysterious
- f. Adventurous

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**9) What does the unusual visitor symbolize ?**

- a. Joy
- b. Hope
- c. Grief
- d. Success
- e. Loss

**10) How does the speaker react when the raven won't leave ?**

- a. He provokes it
  - b. He laughs
  - c. He sings to it
  - d. He invites it to play Mario cart
  - e. He becomes desperate and angry
  - f. He opens the door for it to go
  - g. He opens the window for it to go
  - h. He feeds it
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**Poem – ANABELL LEE**  
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**Take it in turns to read out the question and the possible answers.**

**Write a short sentence to answer each question.**

**1. Who is Annabel Lee in the poem?**

- a) The speaker's sister
  - b) The speaker's friend
  - c) The speaker's love
  - d) A famous queen
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**2. Where does Annabel Lee live?**

- a) In a big city
  - b) In a kingdom by the sea
  - c) On top of a mountain
  - d) In a forest
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**3. Why does the speaker believe Annabel Lee died?**

- a) She fell ill suddenly
- b) The angels were jealous of their love
- c) She drowned in the sea
- d) She moved far away

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**4. What happens to Annabel Lee in the poem?**

- a) She leaves the kingdom
- b) She gets lost in the woods
- c) A cold wind comes and she dies
- d) She goes on a long journey

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**5. How does the speaker feel about Annabel Lee after her death?**

- a) He forgets her
- b) He is angry at her
- c) He still loves her deeply and remembers her
- d) He is happy that she is gone

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**6. What does the speaker believe about their love?**

- a) It was very weak
- b) It was stronger than anything, even death
- c) It was just a temporary feeling
- d) It was a mistake

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**7. What natural setting is mentioned throughout the poem?**

- a) A mountain range
- b) A lake surrounded by trees
- c) The sea by the kingdom
- d) A desert with sandstorms

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**8. Where does the speaker say he can still see Annabel Lee?**

- a) In the clouds and the stars at night
- b) In the mirror
- c) In his dreams only
- d) In the waves of the sea

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**9. What is the mood of "Annabel Lee"?**

- a) Happy and joyful
- b) Sad and romantic
- c) Angry and frustrated
- d) Excited and adventurous

**Answer:** b) Sad and romantic

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**10. What does the speaker say he will always do for Annabel Lee?**

- a) Build a statue in her memory
  - b) Forget her and move on
  - c) Love her forever, even after death
  - d) Try to find another love
  - e) Write a sad song
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**1. What does the speaker say at the beginning of the poem?**

- a) "Life is a game"
  - b) "Take this kiss upon the brow"
  - c) "Goodnight, my love"
  - d) "Dreams last forever"
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**2. What is the main feeling the speaker has in the poem?**

- a) Joy
- b) Anger
- c) Confusion and sadness
- d) Fear

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**3. What does the speaker try to hold onto in the second part of the poem?**

- a) A bird
  - b) Grains of sand
  - c) A flower
  - d) A book
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**4. What is the speaker asking about in the poem?**

- a) If life is real or just a dream
- b) If he will find a treasure
- c) If he can wake up from a bad dream
- d) If time can be stopped

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**5. What happens to the sand when the speaker tries to hold it?**

- a) It turns into gold
  - b) It stays in his hand
  - c) It slips through his fingers
  - d) It disappears
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**6. What does the poem suggest about life and time?**

- a) Life is easy to control
- b) Time is always on our side
- c) Life and time are hard to hold onto, like sand
- d) Time moves very slowly

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**7. What is the speaker's final question in the poem?**

- a) "Is everything we see and seem just a dream?"
  - b) "Will I wake up soon?"
  - c) "Can I catch the sand?"
  - d) "Is this the end of time?"
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**8. What is the poem mainly about?**

- a) Adventures in a dream
  - b) A person's struggle to understand reality
  - c) A celebration of life
  - d) A magical land made of sand
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