

Masque of the Red Death Questions

Answer the following questions as thoroughly as the space allows. You may use fragments for questions that call for lists or numbers. Otherwise, use sentences.

1. List (in your own words) the symptoms of the Red Death.
2. How many friends does Prince Prospero gather? Why does he make sure there is no means of “ingress” or “egress”?
3. There are seven rooms in the castle. What colors are they?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
 - g.
4. What is the significance of the color(s) of the most westward room in the castle?
5. What does the ebony clock symbolize?
6. What happens in the seventh room near the end of the story?
7. Interpretive question: Was the Red Death an actual person dressed up in a grotesque costume? Explain your answer.
8. Interpretive question: How did the Red Death get into the castellated abbey (the closed-in castle)?