

English 11A Studying Literary Texts	Unit 5 Lesson 10 Discussion <i>Narrative Techniques in “The Tell-Tale Heart”</i>
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[*Click HERE for IEP/504/EL Discussion Instructions*](#)

For this discussion, you have two options:

OPTION A: Attend and participate in our LiveLesson on Wednesday, October 7th, at 11 A.M.

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OPTION B: Post a **written response** (80-100 word count) to the prompt below, and then make sure to **comment on at least ONE other student’s post**, *advancing the conversation* (25-50 word count).

DISCUSSION PROMPT	As you reread the story, “The Tell-Tale Heart” by Edgar Allan Poe, notice the narrative techniques Poe uses to create the maximum emotional impact in the story. Discuss your thoughts on this story by responding to ONE of the questions below. Write a complete paragraph (80-100 words) that includes a quote or paraphrase from the story to support your answer. And respond to at least ONE of your peers (25-50 words). Adhere to standard English grammar and conventions.	
CHOOSE ONE QUESTION	1. How does the setting add to the mood of the story? Cite direct evidence from the text to support your response. 2. How does Poe’s choice of words add to your understanding of the narrator? Cite direct evidence from the text to support your response. 3. What techniques does Poe use to create a menacing tone? Cite direct evidence from the text to support your response. 4. Why has Poe chosen an unreliable narrator? Cite direct evidence from the text to support your response. 5. Identify one theme from the story. What specific details in the story suggest this developing theme?	
When you respond to your classmates, you are expected to go beyond “I agree” or “I disagree.” Here are some ideas to help you respond to your classmates in a meaningful manner:	● Consider how your peer thinks differently. ● Add support or insight about your peer’s response. ● Provide examples to support your peer’s response. ● Make connections to your own life. ● Don't be afraid to disagree. ● Think outside the box.	
GRADING RUBRIC	● One detailed 80-100 word response that answers the question: /3 ● Answer includes DIRECT EVIDENCE from the story: /2 ● One detailed 25-50 word reply that advances the discussion: /3 ● Attention to writing conventions (spelling, caps, etc.): /2	

Discussion assignments can be tricky to submit if you are a new student. For general help on participating in discussions, view a [two-minute tutorial](#) or read [How to Complete Discussions](#).

Using the Internet or AI takes away from the integrity of your effort and the learning experience. Please answer the prompt with *your own ideas*, in *your own words*. I want to hear *your* unique voice, ideas, and thoughts.

I like teaching you and am excited to explain things; if you are feeling stuck, contact me, and we can work on it together!