

poe



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- Historicism
  - Absentee parents—wants love and approval
  - Marries thirteen year old cousin
  - Gambler, drop out, alcoholic, impoverished
  - “species of despair which delights in self-torture”

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- Why read Poe?
  - Modern detective story
  - Film adaptations
  - Gothic writing (Dark Romantic)
  - Literary auteur
  - “The Edgar” for mystery writers
  - “Father” of King and Bradbury

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- An *auteur* is a writer of literature or a director of film who has a distinctive stamp on his or her productions. What seem to be some of the distinguishing characteristics in a Poe story? List an auteur of modern literature or film.

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- Dark Romantics
  - Contemplate natural world
  - Symbolism in human events
  - Innate depravity of humans
  - Examines effects of sin and guilt
  - Wild haunted landscapes
  - Supernatural elements

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- How does the story illustrate the elements of dark romanticism?
- Outline the story's key events in chronological order.
- Find a passage which creates mood. List several examples of diction and describe the overall effect of the diction.
- What do you think the house symbolizes? Using evidence from the story, support your response.
- Define the roles/characteristics of Madeline, Roderick, and the Narrator.
- What are some of the overall themes, messages, or purposes of the piece?

# Notebook

- Sketch a scene
  - Put us in a setting/environment
  - Develop concrete imagery
  - Use literary and sensory devices
  - Make it as real and animated as possible





