

Homework - 11/5

Advanced Eng. A1

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Recap Today's class we finished reading "The Raven" in class and began discussing imagery.

Background of story:

"The Raven" is a poem by 19th century American poet Edgar Allan Poe. When the poem was first published in 1845, Poe likely had no idea it would go on to be a spooky American classic over a hundred years after his death. His poetry wasn't especially popular during his lifetime, but "The Raven" was among the few of Poe's poems to grab the attention of his contemporaries, as well as future poetry lovers.

Summary of story: The poem's narrator, an unnamed man, working in his study late at night, or "a midnight dreary," as the narrator states. The narrator reveals that he is reading to distract himself from the loss of his lover, Lenore. He hears knocking at his door, which leads him to open and whisper for Lenore. Instead of Lenore, he hears a bird tap on the window and opens it. A raven flies in and perches on the bust of Pallas, sitting just above the door. The man asks for the bird's name, and it responds with "Nevermore." The man feels the presence of what he describes to be an angel. Thinking of Lenore, he asks the raven if he will be forgiven his sins and allowed to see Lenore again in Heaven, and the bird responds, "Nevermore." The man panics and tells the bird to go back to the night's "Plutonian shore," and the poem ends with the narrator telling the reader that the bird still sits above his door, casting a constant shadow on him.

Imagery:

Imagery is language used by poets, novelists and other writers to create images in the mind of the reader. Imagery includes figurative and metaphorical language to improve the reader's experience through their senses. How does Poe use Imagery in "The Raven" and "The Tell Tale Heart"?

Homework:

First Page of your packet Handout. If you need another copy, or were not in class, please see pdf linked in this section.

Resources:

Story (print version)
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Story (audio version)
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**Deep into that darkness peering, long I stood
there, wondering, fearing, doubting,
dreaming dreams no mortal ever dared to
dream before.**