

# Read. Think. Explain.

An active reader is always looking for big ideas and deeper meaning in a play by paying attention to things like dialogue, character development, setting, and the sequence in which events happen.

In this activity, you'll answer questions about these elements in *The Tell-Tale Heart*.

**Directions:** Answer the questions below, using information and details from the play to back up your ideas.

**1. What is the Villainous Narrator's first line in the play? Why do you think he says it? Is he convincing? Why or why not?**

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**2. How does the Narrator react when the police officers first come to the door? What do you think he was thinking?**

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**3. What do the policemen do while at the house? What effect does it have on the Narrator?**

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**4. What do you think the Narrator is actually hearing when he hears "BUMP BUMP. BUMP BUMP."?**

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**5. In what ways do the Villainous Narrator's words differ from his actions?**

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