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## “The Tell-Tale Heart” Quiz

**Directions:** Read the play *The Tell-Tale Heart* in the October 2008 issue of *Storyworks*. Then fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

**1. What does the Villainous Narrator strongly want readers to believe?**

- (A) He is innocent.
- (B) The old man was cruel to him.
- (C) He is not insane.
- (D) The police picked on him unfairly.

**2. What does the Villainous Narrator despise about the old man?**

- (A) his teeth
- (B) his bad breath
- (C) his eye
- (D) his attitude

**3. What does “the task” refer to when the Narrator says, “So I set about the task”?**

- (A) bringing the Old Man tea
- (B) covering up the Old Man’s eye
- (C) scaring the Old Man with a bright light
- (D) killing the Old Man

**4. Which of the following does the Narrator do LAST?**

- (A) He sneaks into the Old Man’s bedroom.
- (B) He hears the Old Man’s heart.
- (C) He sees the Old Man’s eye.
- (D) He shines his lantern.

**5. How did the police know to come to the Old Man’s house?**

- (A) They were passing by and heard a scream.
- (B) Neighbors heard a scream and called.
- (C) They had a feeling something was wrong in the house.
- (D) The Villainous Narrator called them.

**6. When the police first arrive, how does the Narrator feel?**

- (A) surprised
- (B) worried
- (C) confident
- (D) annoyed

**7. At the end of the play, the sound the Villainous Narrator hears could be any of the following EXCEPT:**

- (A) the Old Man’s heart continuing to beat.
- (B) his own heartbeat.
- (C) his imagination.
- (D) his guilty conscience.

**8. One of the things Edgar Allan Poe is famous for is**

- (A) stories with happy endings.
- (B) pet stories.
- (C) science-fiction stories.
- (D) horror stories.

## Critical Thinking

**Directions:** Write your answers, in a well-organized paragraph, on a separate piece of paper. Make sure you support your answer with examples from the play!

**9. Throughout the story, the Villainous Narrator claims he is not crazy. What are some clues that he actually is insane?**

**10. Why does the Villainous Narrator confess to his crime at the end of the story?**