

# A Not-So-Perfect Narrator

Sometimes, the narrator of a story is unreliable—he will lie about or misunderstand a situation. That is certainly true of the Villainous Narrator, who cannot be trusted. That leaves it to you—the reader—to figure out what is really happening. In this activity, you will rewrite passages from the play to show what the narrator doesn't quite tell you.

**Directions:** Reread each section of the play listed below. Then write a synopsis of the section telling what really happened. Use clues from the narrator, the police officers, and the Raven Chorus to figure out the story.

**Section I:** The introduction of the Villainous Narrator, the Raven Chorus, and the Old Man (Hint: Are the ravens right that the narrator is mad? Why does he get upset? Does the Old Man know what's wrong?)

**What happened:**

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**Section II:** Before and after the attack (What happens between the narrator and the Old Man? What does the narrator do after the Old Man is dead?)

**What happened:**

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**Section III.** The police call on the narrator. (Do they know what the narrator has done? Do they hear the Old Man's Heart like the narrator does? How does he react to the heart and the police officers' chat?)

**What happened:**

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