

THE GOTHIC



GOTHIC LITERATURE

- Spooky!
- Named for architectural style: huge, imposing, elaborate.
- Dark or gloomy **atmosphere/mood**
- Often supernatural elements
- Use of suspense, irony.



GOTHIC LITERATURE: THEMES

Originates in taboos emerging from social (especially sexual) restraints.

The strange and supernatural offered a way to deal with forbidden themes.

- Tragedy
- Murder
- Insanity
- Sexual desire
- Guilt
- Sin
- Evil
- Self-Destruction
- Revenge
- Mystery
- Fate



GOthic LITERATURE: CHARACTERISTICS

- Insane narrator (or are they?). Emotional outbursts.
- Setting: CASTLES, ruins, mysterious, sinister places.
 - Physical spaces as an allegory to the emotional or psychological
- Atmosphere: storms, hysteria, catastrophe
- Women in distress. Tyrannical or insane men.
- The inexplicable vs. the inevitable

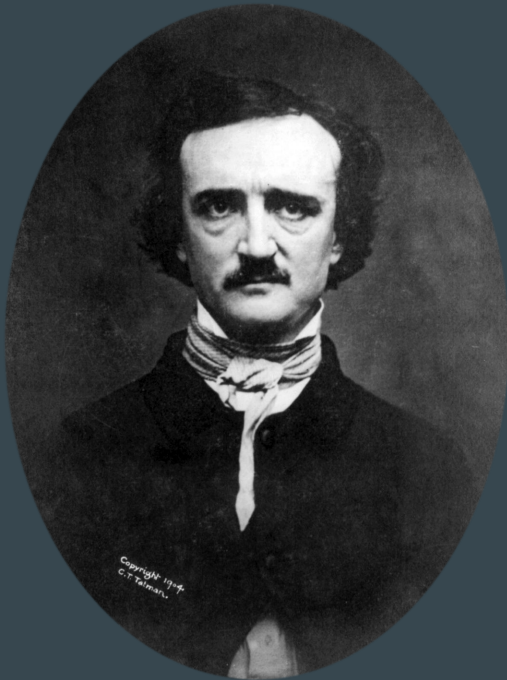


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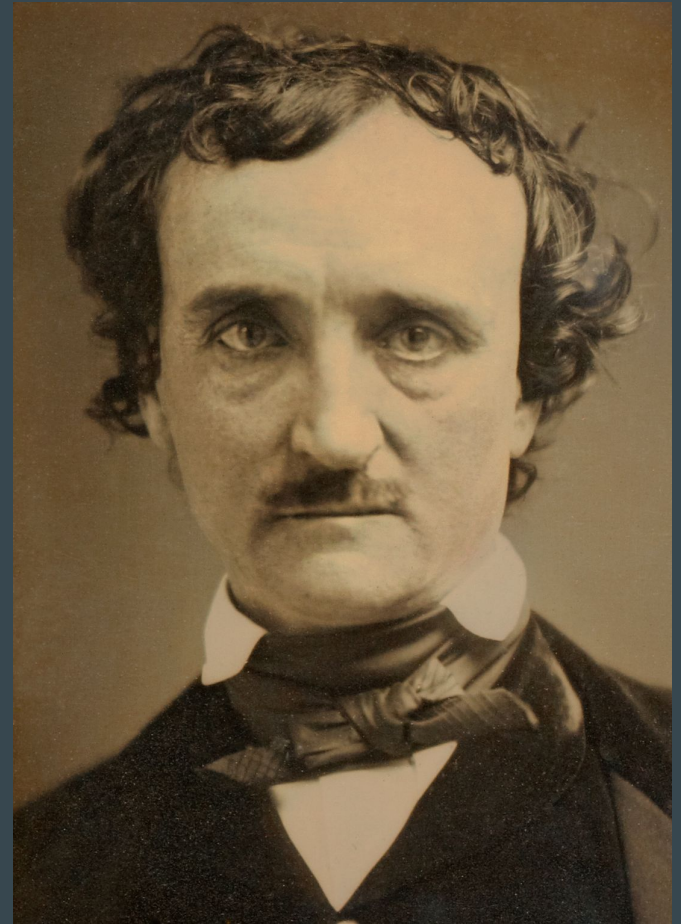
The Cask of Amontillado

Edgar Allan Poe



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- Hugely influential American writer:
 - Revolutionized the short story
 - Invented the detective story
 - One of the earliest science fiction writers



1809-1849

Edgar Allan Poe

- Poe lived a tortured life
 - Parents died at an early age
 - Accrued massive gambling debts
 - Struggled with drug and alcohol addiction
- Poe lived in Philadelphia 1837-1844
- Poe died at age 40 in Baltimore in 1849.
 - The Baltimore Ravens are named after his most famous poem, “The Raven”

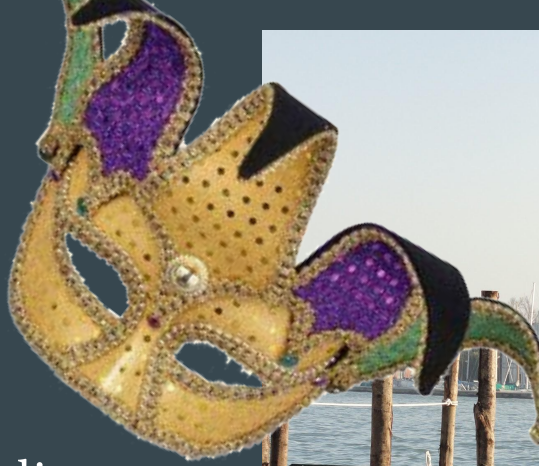


The Poe House and Museum at
7th & Spring Garden



The Cask of Amontillado

- Set in Venice during Carnival
 - Carnival- A festival in Catholic countries preceding Lent.
 - Costumes and wild parties



The Cask of Amontillado

- A Revenge Tale
- Cask = 31 gallon barrel
- Amontillado = A fine Spanish wine
- **Palazzo** - “Palace,” an estate house of a noble family.
 - Below their Palazzo, noble families would have **catacombs**.



Catacombs



Irony - Expect the Unexpected!

Irony - When an outcome is the opposite of what is expected or has been stated.

Almost all storytelling uses some kind of irony.

Types of Irony:

- Verbal Irony
- Situational Irony
- Dramatic Irony



Verbal Irony

When a character says something that is the opposite of what they mean.

- Sarcasm
- Jokes, puns, and wordplay with double meaning
- Lying (sometimes)



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Situational Irony

When you expect one thing, but the opposite happens. Plot twists can be a type of situational irony. They can be tragic or comic.



Dramatic Irony

When the reader or audience knows something a character doesn't. It's like you, the audience, are "in on a secret" that the characters aren't.

- **Comedy** - A character's misunderstanding leads to comic situations.
- **Suspense** - A character doesn't know they are in danger



	Quote & Pg #	Explanation & Effect
Verbal Irony		
Situational Irony		
Dramatic Irony		

When your quiz is complete, start your homework.

Finish reading “The Cask of Amontillado” (pg. 179-185)

- Completing your tables on types of irony--2 thoughtful entries for each type of irony.
- On the back of that sheet, respond to questions 1 & 2 on pg. 186 and questions 1-3 on pg. 187.
 - **THOUGHTFULLY ANSWER THE ENTIRE QUESTION**
 - **SHORT PARAGRAPHS--3-5 COMPLETE SENTENCES**

