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Edgar Allan Poe

After reading the Biography of Edgar Allan Poe, complete the following questions.

1. Why would Edgar Allan Poe be described as a “versatile” writer?
2. Give two examples from Poe’s life that would lead him to write poetry with a **somber** tone.
3. List three things that you learned about Poe that you find interesting.

‘Annabel Lee’ by Edgar Allan Poe

What is Annabel Lee’s relationship with the speaker?

What is the setting of the poem?

It was many and many a year ago,  
 In a kingdom by the sea.  
That a maiden there lived whom you may know  
 By the name of ANNABEL LEE; --  
And this maiden she lived with no other thought  
 Than to love and be loved by me.

What age are Annabel Lee and the speaker?

How would you describe their love?

How do the angels feel about their love?

She was a child and I was a child,  
 In this kingdom by the sea,  
But we loved with a love that was more than love --  
 I and my Annabel Lee --  
With a love that the winged **seraphs**\* of heaven  
 Coveted her and me.

And this was the reason that, long ago,  
 In this kingdom by the sea,  
A wind blew out of a cloud by night  
 Chilling my Annabel Lee;  
So that her high-born **kinsmen\*** came  
 and **bore**\* her away from me,  
To shut her up in a ***sepulcher***  
 In this kingdom by the sea.

What happened to Annabel Lee?

Who comes to take her away?

Where do they take her?

The angels, not half so happy in Heaven,  
 Went envying her and me;  
Yes! That was the reason (as all men know,  
 In this kingdom by the sea)  
That the wind came out of a cloud, chilling  
 And killing my Annabel Lee.

Who does the speaker blame for her death?

What does the speaker say is the motivation behind her death?

But our love it was stronger by far than the love  
 Of those who were older than we--  
 Of many far wiser than we -  
And neither the angels in Heaven above,  
 Nor the demons under the sea,  
Can ever ***dissever*** my soul from the soul  
 Of the beautiful Annabel Lee: --

What does the speaker reveal about his love for Annabel Lee her?  
  
What does he say about their souls?  
  
What is the theme/message that is revealed?

For the moon never beams without bringing me dreams  
 Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;  
And the stars never rise but I see the bright eyes  
 Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;  
And so, all the night-tide, I lie down by the side  
Of my darling, my darling, my life and my bride,  
 In her sepulcher there by the sea --  
 In her tomb by the side of the sea.

Where does the speaker see Annabel Lee now?

Why does he see her in these places?

What does the speaker do at the end of the poem?

***Sepulcher:*** *a tomb; holds human remains after death*

***Dissever:*** *divide*

**SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

1. As well as rhyming words at the end of a line, Poe uses **internal rhymes** such as “beams” and dreams” in the last stanza. Find another example of **internal rhyme**.
2. What is an example of **alliteration** in the poem?
3. In the line, “But we loved with a love that was more than love,” why does Poe repeat love/loved three times?

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| **THEME ANALYSIS**  In literature, the **theme** is the universal message of a story. Typically, the theme of a story conveys a message or lesson about life. The theme is generally not stated outright, but rather represented by the story’s characters and their actions throughout. Write a theme topic and theme statement below. Next, find text evidence that supports the theme.  **TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **THEME STATEMENT: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **TEXT EVIDENCE:** |

**MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS**

1. How does the speaker believe that Annabel Lee died?
   1. The speaker believes she died because her relatives envied her beauty
   2. The speaker believes she died because the angels were envious the young lovers.
   3. The speaker believes she died because Annabel Lee wanted to go to heaven.
   4. The speaker believes Annabel Lee died because he didn’t love her anymore.
2. What poetic device is found in the phrase, “not half so happy in heaven”?
   1. Rhyme
   2. Rhythm
   3. Repetition
   4. Alliteration
3. What does he do every night?
   1. Speaks to her as if she were alive
   2. Prays to join her in heaven
   3. Sleeps by her in her sepulcher
   4. Blames the angels for taking her
4. In the poem, “Annabel Lee” what can be inferred by the line*, “And this maiden she lived with no other thought / Than to love and be loved by me”?*
   1. Annabel Lee was devoted to the speaker
   2. Annabel Lee was protective of the speaker
   3. Annabel Lee was annoyed with the speaker
   4. Annabel Lee was envious of the speaker
5. What is the effect of using rhyme and repetition in the poem?
   1. To create images in the reader’s mind
   2. To create a rhythm and flow in the poem
   3. To emphasize the love between the speaker and Annabel Lee
   4. Both **b** and **c**

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| **Art vs. Poetry – Written Response** |