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Short Story Analysis Questions: "The Tell-Tale Heart" by Edgar Allan Poe



1. Find a direct example of a simile and a metaphor within the story, and provide a specific example in the form of a quotation to show where these literary devices are found within the story.
2. Hyperbole is a literary device in which obvious and intentional exaggeration is used. Provide a specific example (quotation) to show where this literary device is found within the story. Why do you think that hyperbole is an appropriate literary technique for this particular story?
3. Identify two character traits for the narrator (i.e. nervous or unstable) and prove it with a supporting quotation from the story for each.
4. Identify the theme of this short story. Provide two quotations from the story that you feel prove that this theme is present throughout the story.
5. What is the climax of this story?
6. In six to eight sentences, explain three similarities that you noticed while reading "The Tell-Tale Heart" between this story and another story or book, even similarities to a song, a movie, a television show, etc. Make sure you are specific, and provide at least three examples to prove that a similarity exists.