*The Tell-Tale Heart* by Edgar Allan Poe

**Restate the question. Answer the question. Provide evidence from the text. Minimum of 3 sentences each.**

1. What does the opening paragraph imply about the narrator’s reliability?

2. For seven days the narrator plans the old man’s murder. What does the narrator do

every night that he believes is proof of his sanity?

3. The narrator’s account contains numerous situations of word repetition. Why does Poe use this technique? Cite at least one example from lines 80-93 to support your response.

4. How does the use of a first-person narrator contribute to the development of suspense?

5. In lines 82-84, look at this sentence: ***“…because Death, in approaching him, had stalked with his black shadow before him, and enveloped the victim.”***

What kind of figurative language is the author using? Explain why it’s figurative language.

6. What does the narrator do when talking to the police that most clearly demonstrates *audacity*.

7. What is the meaning of the title, *The Tell-Tale Heart*?

8. Explain how the story portrays love and hate as connected emotions.

9. Which is the strongest category to define this story as horror (subject, suspense, setting, plot, source of horror – inside or outside, theme – good vs. evil). Explain your answer.

10. Based on the narrator's account of his thoughts and actions in this story, evaluate whether you think he is a guilty, evil murderer or an innocent man plagued by mental illness.