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**Formative Assessment**

**Performance Task**

**“The Tell-Tale Heart” by Edgar Allan Poe**

**pp 89-94**

**Writing Activity: Profile**

Criminals sometimes undergo a psychiatric evaluation during which their mental health is reviewed by a psychologist. If the narrator of this story underwent such an evaluation, what might the mental health experts say about his state of mind? Based on details from the story, write a profile of the narrator by answering the following questions in an essay:

* What crime did he commit?
* What was his motive? Was he insane\*, enraged, seeking revenge, or something else?
* Do you predict that the narrator will take responsibility for his crimes? Why or why not?
* What evidence, based on the narrator’s account of events, supports your theory?

Make sure this handout is given to me with your essay, on looseleaf in pen or typed.

Development of Ideas \_\_\_/4

Clarity of Language \_\_\_/4

Total \_\_\_/8

\*any form or degree of mental derangement or unsoundness of mind, permanent or temporary, that makes a person incapable of what is regarded legally as normal, rational conduct or judgment