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Knowing Poe: An Interactive Website Exploration Assignment: Day TWO

http://knowingpoe.thinkport.org/default_flash.asp

1. "The Bells"

On the left-hand side of the page, click "Poe: The Writer", then scroll down and click "The Bells".

You've most likely never heard of THIS poem by Edgar Allan Poe. What starts out as a lovely homage to happy little bells turns crazy...choose your narrator, sound effects, and stanza in the interactive studio as you listen to "The Bells"

2. "Poetic Principle"

On the left-hand side of the page, click "Poe: The Writer", then scroll down and click "Poetic Principle".

In addition to being an amazing writer, Poe was also well-known for his literary criticism. Some critics today say Poe was at his best as a literary critic when he wrote "The Poetic Principle." In it, Poe explains his thoughts on poetry and its creation. Do your ideas of what makes a poem perfect coincide with those Poe thought was important? Try this activity to see.

3. Picture This: “The Black Cat”

On the left-hand side of the main page, click “Poe: The Writer” then scroll down and click on “Picture This”

DISCLAIMER: This story is PRETTY INTENSE. If you’re squeamish or get creeped out easily, skip this one.

Effective readers often "see" a story in their mind. As they read its words, the story becomes a kind of movie in their minds. They "watch" as the characters move about and listen to the way they speak to each other, almost as if they were another character in the story.

You can practice being that kind of reader with this activity. The story you will read is Poe's "The Black Cat." It's a tale of horror and violence told from the perspective of the man who lived it.

4. “The Poe Toaster”

On the left-hand side of the page, click “The Poe Library” then scroll down and click “The Poe Toaster”.

No, it’s not a kitchen appliance! Who is the Poe Toaster? This is a cool story of a mysterious stranger who’s been keeping up a mysterious tradition for years...

5. The Baltimore Ravens

On the left-hand side of the page, click on “The Poe Library”, then scroll down and click “The Baltimore Ravens and How They Got Their Name”

Ok NFL fans, this one’s for you. Bet you never thought twice about the name of this football team. Bet you will now...

6. Poe Stories: Summaries

Ok...I’m finally going to send you away from the Knowing Poe website. I discovered this site the other day. Go to <http://www.poestories.com/summaries.php> and read some quick summaries of several of Poe’s short stories. Which one would you most like to read, and why? Leave me a comment at <http://www.koolteecha.edublogs.org> and receive bonus points on your Poe QUIZ (yes, quiz) on Thursday!