**Name:**

**Date:**

**Edgar Allan Poe Writing Assignment:**

In class, we have read a biography on Poe and discussed details about his life and death. We have also read several of Poe’s works including *The Tell Tale Heart* and *Annabel Lee*. Now, based on what you have learned about Poe’s life, you will write an analysis making connections from Poe’s life to his stories.

For this assignment you can choose which question you would like to answer. You will only need to select one question to answer.

**QUESTION CHOICES:**

* **Question # 1:** In your opinion, does the old man in *The Tell Tale Heart* symbolize Poe’s father or stepfather? Why or why not?
* **Question # 2:** In your opinion, does the young woman in *Annabel Lee* symbolize Poe’s wife? Why or why not?
* **Question # 3:**  Propose a topic of your own to write about that makes symbolic connections from Poe’s life and story/poem. You must discuss and receive approval for your topic idea from Mr. Jones.

**Requirements:**

Your paper should include all the parts of an effective essay including:

* a claim
* at least TWO pieces of textual evidence from the story/poem with extensive explanations
* reference to a counterclaim
* a conclusion

If you make connections from Poe’s life from information in the biography we read in class, cite this information is optional. We will consider that information “common knowledge” and not needing citation.

**If you use biographical information in your essay that was not discussed in class or included in our class biography, you MUST cite your source.**

**Due Dates:**

**Organizer/outline: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Rough Draft: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Final Draft: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**