

“The Tell-Tale Heart”

Point of View Analysis

Determine why Poe chose the point of view that he did for “The Tell-Tale Heart.” First determine why he may have chosen NOT to use certain perspectives.

If he’d chosen 3rd person omniscient:

- What more could the narrator know/tell the reader?
- What would the story lose as a result?
- Why?

If he’d chosen 3rd person limited:

- What more could the narrator know/tell the reader?
- What less could the narrator know/tell the reader?
- What would the story lose as a result?
- Why?

Now determine why he did ultimately decided to use the point of view that he did.

1st person:

- What does the story gain from using this perspective?
- How/why?

Finally, give evidence from the text that the point of view Poe chose actually provides the “gain” that you referenced above. The quote you choose must be a quote that includes narration to prove it’s in 1st person point of view, but it also must show the “gain.”

- Quote and citation:
- Why it shows 1st person point of view:
- How it shows the gain/advantage: