

Week 12 Homework  
“The Tell-Tale Heart”

1. Read Edgar Allan Poe’s short story, “The Tell-Tale Heart.” I encourage you to read it twice. You can find it online:  
(<http://www.eastoftheweb.com/shortstories/UBooks/TelTal.shtml>)
2. Read a biography of Edgar Allan Poe online. Answer the following:
  - a. What year was he born? What year did he die?
  - b. Where was he born and where did he die?
  - c. What is something very interesting about him?
3. Using the handout “Analyzing the Reliability of a Narrator,” analyze the narrator in “The Tell-Tale Heart.”
4. Pick a well-known fairy tale and rewrite the story from the perspective of the antagonist. Make him or her an unreliable narrator. For a wonderful example, check out the picture book, *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*.
5. **Vocabulary:**
  - Acute– sharp; shrewd
  - Audacity– boldness; reckless daring
  - Deride– to ridicule; to laugh at contemptuously
  - Profound– deep
  - Singular– unique; superior; exceptional; strange
  - Vex– to annoy; to pester; to confuse
6. Start reading *Everything Sad Is Untrue*, as we will be studying it next and it is a long book.