

# The Raven: Analysis Questions and Assignment

1. What point of view is used in this poem?
2. Characterize the narrator's state of mind...find 2 pieces of evidence to support this claim
3. Find 5 descriptive words about the Raven from the poem.
4. Based on descriptions of the bird, what can the Raven symbolize?
5. Why does Poe choose to use a Raven in this poem and not a Sparrow or a Parrot?
6. What is his first reaction to the raven?
7. When the raven first says "Nevermore" what is the speaker's guess as to why?
8. What is his next guess as to why the raven is saying "Nevermore"?
9. Near the end of the poem what two questions does the speaker ask the Raven to which it responds "Nevermore"?
10. Find one line containing internal rhyme and write it here:
11. Find one line containing alliteration and write it here:
12. Name one allusion to Greek mythology in the poem:
  - a. Why does Poe use that specific allusion?
13. Name one Biblical allusion in the poem:
  - a. Why does Poe use that specific allusion?
14. What is the TONE of the poem?