

## **Compare/Contrast Essay**

### **Analysis: “The Tell-tale Heart”/ “The Black Cat” (Author’s Style)**



**Directions:** From your notes over “The Tell-tale Heart,” along with the notes taken over the discussion of “The Black Cat,” identify two similarities of the author’s style and one difference. Then, discuss those associations and provide “text” support (direct quotes) to validate your hypothesis.

**Requirements:** Package

- Brainstorming
- Peer Review
- Rough-draft
- Final Draft

**Identification:** (Here are a few things you might want to explore)

- Imagery: (5) senses (How does Poe use this rhetorical device to help the reader see, feel, hear, touch, and smell)
- Extended Metaphors i.e. “The Black Cat” demons, Pluto (Hades), black, witches, Fiend Intemperance, damnation, hell, etc./Similes
- Diction/Vocabulary: Type of (Dark/Ominous/threatening)
- Pace: How each story creates suspense through slow or quick action
- Syntax (sentence structures): Compare long and lengthy to quick and choppy: create mood/atmosphere/suspense
- Plot Structure: Linear Plot design, and how that design leads to suspense
- Reliability of Narrator: