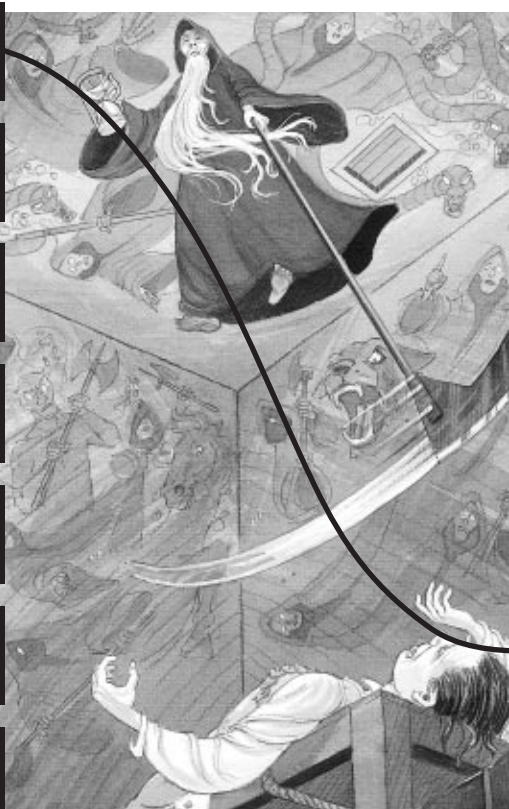


# Seven Stories of Mystery and Horror

## EDGAR ALLAN POE

### A Before Reading

- Edgar Allan Poe was a famous American writer. He wrote horror stories.
  - Have you read any horror stories?
  - Have you seen any horror movies? Did you get scared?
  - Why do some people like being scared?
- Below are two columns. On the left are the names of the stories. On the right are what the stories are about. Can you guess which ones go together?



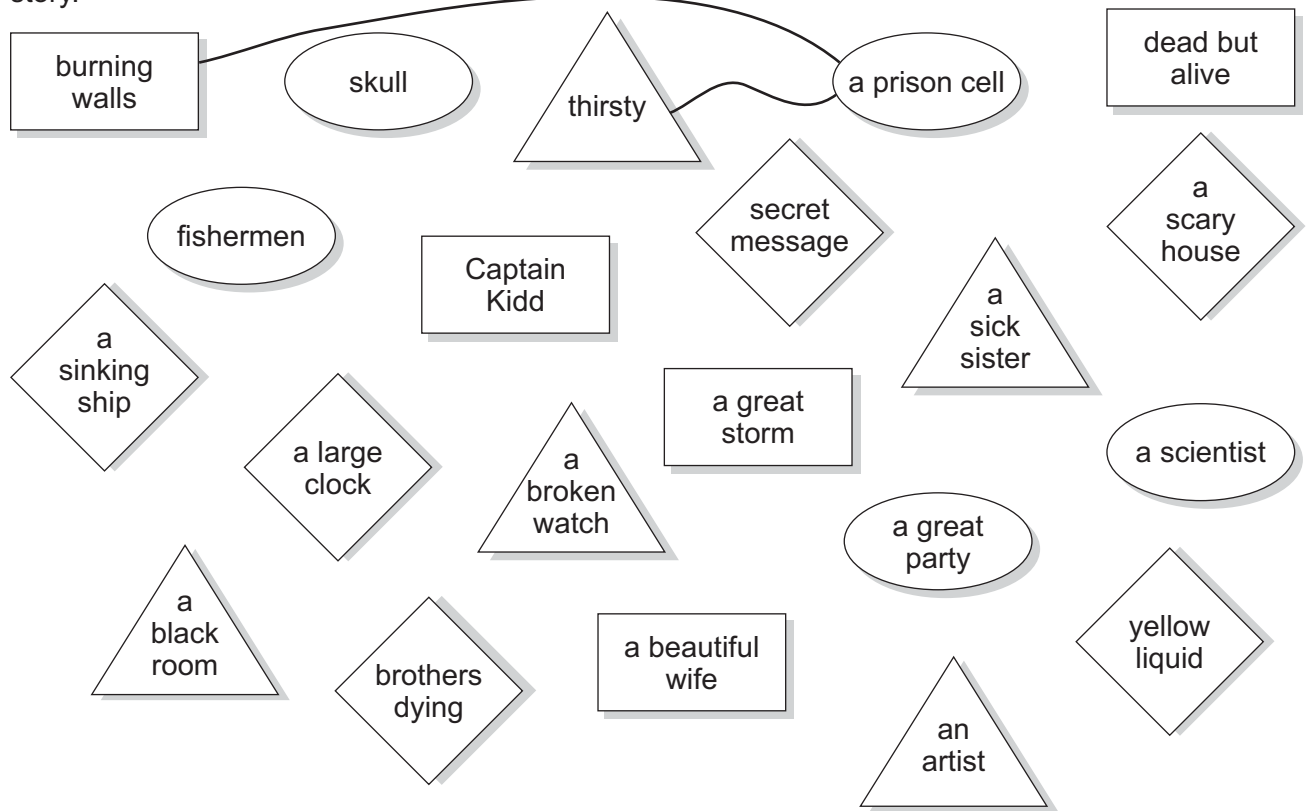
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|--------------------------------------|---|
| The Pit And The Pendulum             | A buried pirate treasure                        |
| The Gold Bug                         | A deadly disease                                |
| The Facts In The Case Of Mr Valdemar | A haunted house                                 |
| The Fall Of The House Of Usher       | A ship that sinks because of a body in a coffin |
| Down Into The Maelström              | Hypnotism of a sick man                         |
| The Masque Of The Red Death          | A torture chamber                               |
| The Oblong Box                       | A great ocean whirlpool                         |

### B While Reading

- Many people die in these horror stories. Who dies in each story? How do they die? Make a chart like the one below and fill in the answers.

| Who dies?   | How do they die?       | Which story?                         |
|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Mr Valdemar | A disease of the lungs | The facts in the case of Mr Valdemar |
|             |                        |                                      |
|             |                        |                                      |

4 Below is a word map. Each story has three shapes. Draw a line between the three shapes for each story.



**C After Reading**

5 Which was your favourite story? Why did you like it the best? Write four reasons why you liked the story.

My favourite story was \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
 because \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

6 Choose one of the stories. It will be made into a movie.

- (a) Choose the actors to play each character.
- (b) Why did you choose those actors?
- (c) Make a new name for the story.
- (d) Design a poster for the movie.