

Define the word “insane”

The definition for the word insane (adj.) is:



In a state of mind that prevents normal perception, behavior, or social interaction; seriously mentally ill.

In your opinion, how might someone act who is considered “insane”?

Edgar Allen Poe



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The Tell Tale Heart



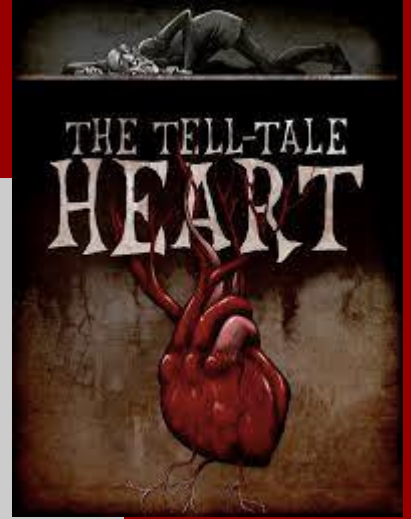
2nd Reading

1. Re-read the story again, and write at LEAST 8 questions on the text.
2. Sit with your table group and share your questions. Work together to try and answer each other's questions the best you can.
3. Meet in community to discuss any unanswered questions.

3rd READING

Annotate/ find examples and evidence that the main character was:

- **IN CONTROL** of his ideas and actions ("IC")
- **OUT OF CONTROL** of his ideas and actions ("OC")



Legal Definition of “Insanity”

Insanity is a mental illness of such a severe nature that a person cannot distinguish fantasy from reality, cannot manage his/her own affairs, or is subject to uncontrollable impulsive behavior. In criminal cases, a plea of "not guilty by reason of insanity" will require a trial on the issue of the defendant's insanity (or sanity) at the time the crime was committed.

In this context, "not guilty" does not mean the person did not commit the criminal act for which he or she is charged. It means that when the person committed the crime, he or she could not tell right from wrong or could not control his or her behavior because of severe mental defect or illness. Such a person, the law holds, should not be held criminally responsible for his or her behavior.

Based on the evidence from the story, you must choose a side for the man's murder trial.

You must choose to be on either the:

Defense

Prosecution

Was the murderer legally “insane” or not?

1. Create a shared document listing your best evidence and explanations.

1. Share your evidence (other side takes notes).

Everyone must speak.



1. Other side it allowed a rebuttal

1. Listen once (no writing)
2. Write questions you have
3. Share a few questions, answer comprehension questions
4. 2nd reading: examples/ evidence that he was:
 - a. IN CONTROL of his ideas and actions
 - b. OUT OF CONTROL of his ideas and actions