

Directions for Edgar Allan Poe Scavenger Hunt

Use the websites listed below to complete the scavenger hunt (on back):

- www.poemuseum.org
- www.eapoe.org
- www.poets.org (You'll have to put Poe's name in the "Search" box.)
- www.poetry.about.com
- www.poe200th.com (Click on the "Students" link.)

*HINT: For #6, the question is referring to Elmira Royster.

Name _____ Date _____

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To learn more about Poe's life and how it affected and inspired his writing, find the answers to the following questions.

1. When was Poe born? _____
2. What did his mother do for a living? _____
3. What tragedy befell her, and how old was Poe when it happened? _____
4. Who adopts Poe and what type of relationship do they have? (Hint: Read Poe's letters to John Allan from the later part of 1831.) _____
5. What happened to Poe's foster mother, and when? _____
6. What happened to Poe in regard to his 1st love? _____
7. Poe is considered the "Father of _____" (a subgenre of Mystery).
8. What happened in Fordham, New York in 1847? _____
9. In what year did Poe die, where did he die, and where is he buried? _____
10. List at least 3 different theories about the death of Edgar Allan Poe.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
11. Now that you know about the major events in Poe's life, what do you expect his writing will be like? _____
