

the Tell-Tale Heart

Poe's
GUILTY

Theme: There is no perfect crime because the guilt will always burden you.

"His eye would trouble me no more."



First person point of view + unreliable narrator

EVIL

**LOUDER
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LOUDER!**

"It was the beating of the old man's heart. It increased my fury, as the beating of a drum stimulates the soldier into courage."



NERVOUS

"Madmen know nothing."

Dramatic IRONY:

Readers know the narrator has hidden the corpse under the floor boards.

Readers know the narrator is insane though he does not believe he is.

