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Debate Organizer	Your Debate Here
OPENING STATEMENT: You can start with something like <i>"It is clear that the Narrator in The Tell Tale Heart is _____ (insane/sane). The evidence all shows this to be true."</i>	
EVIDENCE: You will now point to evidence in the text . You should have at least 2 quotes to prove the conditions below. Be sure to mention a paragraph number. Now present your evidence just like a lawyer would. For example, <i>"The Narrator was _____ at the time of the murder and it's proven in paragraph 17 when the Narrator says..."</i> What evidence do you have to support... Legal Sanity Condition 1: He did understand reality. Legal Insanity Condition 1: He did not understand reality. What evidence do you have to support... Legal Sanity Condition 2: He did know what he was doing was wrong. Legal Insanity Condition 2: He did not know what he was doing was wrong.	
COUNTER ARGUMENT: Remember that there is evidence to support both sides. Now think of something that someone would say AGAINST your ideas. This is called the counter-argument. You might say something like <i>"Some people who look at the evidence might say that the Narrator..."</i>	
COUNTER ARGUMENT EVIDENCE: Explain why this piece of evidence from the other side does NOT prove the condition. Explain why this actually proves YOUR point. You might say <i>"This interpretation of the evidence is incorrect, and actually shows..."</i>	
CLOSING STATEMENT: Choose your strongest two pieces of evidence to repeat. Write a closing argument, using this evidence to develop a claim about why the audience should be convinced by your position. You might say <i>"In closing, the Narrator is _____. It's obvious by looking at the evidence in...."</i>	

