

# Poe: A Webquest



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## Introduction:

Welcome to the **Edgar Allan Poe** and the **Macabre** Style Web Quest! In this web quest, you will explore the life and works of one of the most famous American writers of the 19th century, Edgar Allan Poe. You will also learn about the macabre style that he is known for, and how it influenced the literary world. This web quest is designed for seventh graders and will take about 30 minutes to complete.

## Task:

Your task is to explore various websites and answer the following questions on Edgar Allan Poe and the macabre style. You will need to use the links provided to find the information you need. After completing the questions, you will create a short creative writing piece inspired by Edgar Allan Poe's style.

**Please record all of your findings on this PAPER document. No digital documents will be accepted.**

## Process:

1. Visit the Poe Museum website (<https://www.poemuseum.org/>) and answer the following questions:

**\*Click: Meet the man behind the tales of terror...**

a. When and where was Edgar Allan Poe born? *(Answer on your paper document)*

**Summarize** Poe's early life:

*(Answer on your paper document)*

**List** some of Poe's most famous works.

*(Answer on your paper document)*

**Describe** how Poe revolutionized the horror genre?

*(Answer on your paper document)*

**Summarize** the circumstances around Poe's death:

*(Answer on your paper document)*

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2. Open this article and answer the following questions: <https://www.mutualart.com/Article/How-Art-History-s-Most-Macabre-Genre-Car/A57B018677AAF14D>

a. **Describe** the macabre style:

*(Answer on your paper document)*

b. What are some of the **symbols** of this style?

*(Answer on your paper document)*

c. How does this genre **represent** optimism (feelings of hope and happiness)? (hint: second paragraph)

*(Answer on your paper document)*

d. **View** some of the art in this article. What are your *reactions, thoughts, or connections* to this style of art?

*(Answer on your paper document)*

3. Visit this site: <https://www.eapoe.org/index.htm>

List three **interesting** facts that you learned about Poe from this website:

*(Answer on your paper document)*

4. After answering the questions, **if time remains**, create a short writing piece inspired by Edgar Allan Poe's macabre style. Your piece can be a poem or a short story, but it must include elements of the macabre style. Be creative and have fun!

*(Answer on your paper document)*