Prediction Questions
for The Tell-Tale Heart by Edgar Allan Poe

Title: Based on the title, predict what you think this story will be about.

First paragraph: Who do you think the narrator is speaking to?

Third paragraph: Write down what you think the author means by “the work.”

Third paragraph: Why does the narrator treat the old man so well in the mornings?

Fourth paragraph: Why doesn’t the narrator leave when he realizes the old man is awake?

Fifth paragraph: Would you like to change your original prediction of what this story is about?

Sixth and seventh paragraphs: Whose heart do you think the narrator is hearing?

Seventh paragraph: In one sentence, predict the ending of the story.

Midway through eighth paragraph: Who is at the door?

Ninth paragraph: What is the noise?

Tenth paragraph: What is the narrator feeling right now?

End of story: Were any of your original predictions about the story correct?