

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?