

Fall of the House of Usher Comprehension Questions

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1. What time of year is it in the beginning of the story? (1)

Fall

2. Where is the narrator going? (1)

The House of Usher

3. How does Poe describe the house? Pick a quote and tell what kind of mood Poe's description evokes (suggests or reminds you of)? (2)

"the bleak walls
the vacant eye like
windows"

sad & depressing

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4. Why is the narrator going to the House of Usher? (1)

Roderick is sick

5. How does the narrator describe Roderick Usher's appearance? Use a quote to support your answer. (2)

Unhealthy
"pale large eyes"

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6. What is the relationship between the narrator and Roderick Usher? (1)

childhood friends

7. What is on the outside of the house? (1)

a crack

8. What is Roderick afraid of? (1)

FEAR his death, Madeline's death.

9. What is wrong with Madeline? (1)

sick, but Doctors don't know why

10. What kinds of things do Roderick and ^{narrator} Usher do at night to pass the time? (1)

read book + poetry and they paint

11. Reread this quote, "One small picture showed the inside of a very long vault of tunnel, with low walls. Certain points of the picture gave the idea that this vault or tunnel was far beneath the surface." What might Roderick be painting a picture of? (1)

tomb

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13. What happens to Madeline? (1)

she dies

14. What do they do with her body? (1)

put in tomb under the house

15. How does Roderick's behavior change after Madeline "dies?" (2)

Grief overcomes him. His behavior is like "wanderings of a madman."

16. Describe the ending of the story. (3)

- - week after M. death
- she bursts into room
- scares Roderick to death
- R. & M are dead
- narr. runs away
- house collapses