**“The Raven” Study Questions**

1. Where is the raven at the end of the poem? What will never be lifted from the raven’s shadow? What does that mean?

2. What is the setting and why is it appropriate?

3. From whose point of view is the narrative told?

4. What is the speaker’s mental state? Provide evidence from the poem to support your assertion.

5. The repeated word “nevermore” has various meanings in the poem. Choose THREE times the word in used and interpret the meanings.

6. Is the raven real or an illusion? Use evidence from the poem to support your assertion.

7. Describe the overall MOOD of the poem, noting specifically at least ONE shift in the speaker’s mood as the poem progresses.

8. Provide FIVE examples of Poe’s Gothic diction that add to the mood of the poem.

9. What does the raven symbolize? Explain.

10. What theme does the poem develop? (Hint: go back to #1)