

# The Raven Guide

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Answer the questions thoroughly to prepare for the test.

1. Based on the first stanza, what kind of person do you think the narrator is?
2. What explanation does the narrator give for why the Raven replies "Nevermore" to every question? What do you think of this explanation?
3. In lines 70-72, what sound effects does Poe use?
4. What do these effects tell the reader about the speaker's state of mind at this point in the poem?
5. How does the narrator's attitude toward the bird change in lines 79-90?
6. What is the effect of the multiple dashes in lines 85-89?
7. Restate the two questions the narrator asks the bird in lines 91-102.
8. Do you think there really was a Raven in the narrator's chamber? Why or why not? If not, what is your explanation for what happened?
9. Many readers take the Raven as a symbol. What, in your opinion, does the Raven symbolize? What idea does it represent?
10. What do you think is the theme of the poem?
11. Why do you think Poe chose a Raven to carry his message rather than a chicken, hawk, sparrow, or other bird or animal?