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Mrs. Dargan/ Period _____
"TTH" Essay

Choose **one** of the following choices to write a clear, coherent, well-developed essay on. Follow the rules of essay writing, and remember to proofread.

- Refer back to the story for specific information and quotes to support your ideas.
- Cite examples of foreshadowing, suspense, characterization and other short story elements where appropriate.
- Avoid plot summary in your answer.
- Remember to restate the question, and to mention the title and the author of the story in your introduction

1. Discuss the meaning of the title, "The Tell-Tale Heart." Describe what tale the heart is telling, from whose point of view it's being told, and in what tone. Be sure to clarify whose heart is being referred to in the title, and use examples from the text to support your answer.
2. "The Tell-Tale Heart" is an example of a story in which the suspense continues to build throughout. Define suspense, and describe how Poe builds it into the story. Be sure to refer to at least two specific scenes in the story. Develop your answer with relevant quotations and supporting examples from the text.
3. Is the beating of the heart in the "The Tell-Tale Heart" real or imagined? How do you know? Explain your opinion, remembering to give clear textual evidence to support your claim on whether anyone but the narrator can hear the beating of the old man's heart.
4. On the eighth night of the narrator's intrusion into the old man's chambers, a few different things take place, which affect the eventual outcome of the story. Look back at that passage in the story and describe 2 things that lead to the change and discuss the final outcome of this night.
5. Discuss the plot triangle of "The Tell-Tale Heart." Carefully explain the events of each phase: exposition, catalyst, rising action, climax, falling action, referring back to the story and including specific examples from the text.

