

Welcome to Thinkport's Student Activity Center! Your teacher has directed you to this student activity to help you learn more about the topic you are studying.

**Title:** Raven Review

**Audience:** Middle

**Duration:** 1-2 class periods

**Subject Area(s):**

Language Arts - Vocabulary

**Grade Level(s):** 6,7,8,9

**Student Directions:**

Edgar Allan Poe's poetry can make you shiver, tingle, and shriek. He does this through the words he uses to evoke amazing images. In this activity you will explore the power of Poe's poetry and write a review of his poem *The Raven*.

**Directions:** Use the Annotated Poe interactive link below to research the poem *The Raven*. Complete your Raven Vocabulary Review and Raven Review Research worksheets as you explore the interactive.

**Annotated Poe** This interactive gives you options to help you interpret the poem *The Raven*.

<http://knowingpoe.thinkport.org/writer/annotated.asp>

Can you find and explain new vocabulary words as you read "The Raven?" What are the main points of the poem?

1. Select the *What Does It Mean* tab at the top of the Annotated Poe interactive.
2. Refer to your **Raven Vocabulary Review** worksheet for a list of vocabulary words to define. As you use the interactive to read the poem, locate and click on the highlighted vocabulary.
3. Define and draw images for the new vocabulary words. Make sure your pictures help you understand the new words you are learning and that they are tied to the poem *The Raven*.

Raven Vocabulary Review worksheet ([View](#))

4. Select the *What Does It Mean* and *What Does it Mean* tabs at the top of the Annotated Poe interactive.

5. Find the answers to the questions on the **Raven Review Worksheet** by clicking on highlighted portions in the interactive.

**Directions:** Use the online version of the Baltimore Sun newspaper to see what a review of a book looks like. Some reviews require free registration to the online newspaper.

### Baltimore Sun Book Reviews

This online section of the Baltimore Sun newspaper features reviews of books.

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/features/booksmags/>

What does a book review look like?

Raven Review Research ([View](#))

### Raven Review Checklist:

- A good review expresses the author's reaction to a poem. On your **Raven Review Research** worksheet you chose a point of view from which to write your review. Include specific examples of what you liked and disliked, and the reasons why in the review.
- Summarize the main points of the poem *The Raven*. Use the answers from your **Raven Review Research** worksheet when summarizing the poem.
- In your review of *The Raven* use some of the new vocabulary you have learned. Make sure your review shows an understanding of the meaning of the vocabulary and that it makes sense. Try to think about why Poe chose the words he did as he crafted his poem and how the poem made you feel. One purpose of the review is to get you to think about the words Poe used as he wrote. As you understand the meanings of the words, you are able to think more deeply about the ideas he was trying to express. Your review helps you interpret and express your response to *The Raven*.

**Directions:** Write a review of the poem *The Raven* summarizing the poem for a person who has not read it. Write from your chosen point of view. Incorporate vocabulary words that you have learned. Refer to the Raven Review Checklist and the Raven Review Scoring Rubric before you begin work on your review. Write your final review on the Raven Review worksheet below.

Raven Review worksheet [\(View\)](#)

**Directions:** To evaluate the quality of your review, use the Raven Review Scoring Rubric.

Raven Review Scoring Rubric [\(View\)](#)

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