

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: The Black Cat Drawings

Audience: Middle

Duration: 45 min

Subject Area(s):

Language Arts - Literature

Grade Level(s): 6,7,8

Student Directions:

Have you ever pictured a character in your mind when you begin reading a book and been surprised when an illustration appears on the next page that looks nothing like what you had imagined? In this activity you will act as the story's illustration editor by choosing the picture that best represents what you think is happening as you listen to Edgar Allan Poe's *The Black Cat*.

Go to the the Picture This Interactive on the Knowing Poe Web site and read along as you listen to the reading of *The Black Cat*. As you read the interactive you will be asked to stop at certain points and you will have a chance to select a picture that most closely represents what you are thinking at that particular place in the story. Then, after you have finished reading or listening, select the option that allows you to print the computer generated pictures you have chosen.

Knowing Poe: Picture This Interactive This Web site lets you listen to a reading of or read *The Black Cat* and choose pictures that match what you are thinking.

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

How do the pictures help you to understand the story of the Black Cat?

Now look through your printed pictures, think back to the story and the images that have stayed in your mind. Using the pictures from the story, write a summary of the *Black Cat*.

Activity Signature

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