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Title: A Day in the Life of Poe

Audience: Middle

Duration: 45 min

Subject Area(s):

Social Studies - History

Grade Level(s): 6,7,8

Student Directions:

Have you ever seen a copy of a newspaper that was printed on the day you were born? Many things happen around the world that have an impact on your life. In this activity, you will write a journal entry about a day in the life of Edgar Allan Poe that highlights significant events surrounding his life.

Directions: You are responsible for discovering what was happening in the world during Poe's lifetime and what changes occurred in the city of Baltimore during Poe's lifetime. You will use two interactives from the Knowing Poe online field trip in this activity. Open the interactives using the links below. Use the A Day in the Life worksheet to collect information. As you work, think about the connections between what was happening in Poe's personal life and the world events surrounding him. Think about how these experiences may have impacted Poe's writing. Try to create a mental picture of what you imagine a day in Poe's life might have been like as you complete the worksheet.

Knowing Poe Interactive Timeline The Knowing Poe online field trip contains an Interactive Timeline that highlights world history, world literature, Poe's literature, Poe's life, Baltimore history, and Maryland history. Make sure to click across the top to find different years of Poe's life and use the scroll bar and the check boxes to explore different aspects of the world in which Poe lived.

<http://knowingpoe.thinkport.org/person/timeline.asp>

What was occurring in the world during Edgar Allan Poe's lifetime?

Knowing Poe: Poe's Baltimore This interactive contains information about the city of Baltimore during Poe's lifetime.

<http://knowingpoe.thinkport.org/person/posesbalto.asp>

What was Baltimore like during Poe's lifetime?

A Day in the Life worksheet ([View](#))

To evaluate the worksheet, make sure that it contains complete and accurate information. The purpose of the worksheet is to enable you to make connections across different categories, and to help you understand more about what Edgar Allan Poe's life was like. After you have completed the entire worksheet review what you have written in each category. Try to create a mental picture of what you imagine a day in Poe's life might be like.

Use the information you learned about Poe's life and times to write a journal entry describing what you imagine a day in Edgar Allan's life might have been like. Before you begin to write refer to the Things to Think About and the Writing Evaluation below

Directions: If you would like to type your journal entry use the electronic version.

A Day in the Life of Poe journal entry electronic version ([View](#))

Directions: If you would like to write your journal entry, print the printable version.

A Day in the Life of Poe journal entry printable version ([View](#))

Things to Think About when writing your journal entry:

- What do you think Poe did today?
- Where do you think he went?
- What information can you include about Poe's family in your journal?
- What information can you include about Poe's home in your journal?
- What information can you include about Baltimore in your journal?
- What information can you include about world events in your journal?

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