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**Commentary**

The short story “The Tell-Tale Heart” gives an insight into the psyche of the protagonist and is an example of his gothic horror style of writing. Its author Edger Ellen Poe is known for the gothic horror genre of writing.

It is the narration of a man whose name is not mentioned. He explains how he committed a murder in a very detailed way. The reason is that he wants prove that he is not insane, rather he is more precise and accurate in his actions. He tells about his ability to dissimulate the things. He says that he had a great sense of hearing he could hear the things in the heaven and earth and also in the hell.

The tone of the story is very dreadful and sad. The gloominess and nervousness runs through each line.

The eye of the old man to which he refers as the vulture eye is the major symbol in the story. Apparently the reason of the murder given by the protagonist is the “Vulture eye” of the old man. He said he loved old man but it was his eye that drove him crazy. Another important symbol is watch. Watch tells time and its ticking emphasizes the fact that the inevitable death is reaching.

In the story there are many groups of short sentences and long sentences. The longer sentences are actually more precise and descriptive in details while the short sentences are more frustrating.

The major themes of the story are of insanity and guilt. It was the insanity that lead to such a hideous crime and the confession occurred due to the guilty conscience of the protagonist.

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