

The Tell-Tale Heart: OAA Practice

Question 1

In what way has the old man previously wronged the narrator?

- A. In absolutely no way
- B. By cheating him in business
- C. By humiliating him in public
- D. By refusing to lend him money

Question 2

The narrator imagines the old man's bad eye as the eye of a

- A. Pig
- B. Baby
- C. Snake
- D. Vulture

Question 3

The narrator compares the lantern's ray falling on the eye to

- A. A raindrop
- B. A diving eagle
- C. A spider's thread
- D. An arrow shot from a bow

Question 4

The old man can best be characterized as

- A. Calm and easygoing
- B. Absolutely fearless
- C. Pushy and obnoxious
- D. Nervous and excitable

Question 5

An important example of sound imagery in the story is

- A. A train whistle
- B. A watch's ticking
- C. The chirping birds
- D. The cascading water

Question 6

An image that signals the approaching death of the old man is

- A. A broken glass
- B. A torn portrait
- C. A black shadow
- D. A black widow spider

Question 7

The narrator's nervousness increased his _____ sense of hearing. He could hear really well.

- A. Refrained
- B. Acute
- C. Vexed
- D. Waned

Question 8

The narrator says, "Never before that night had I felt the extent of my own powers -- of my sagacity. I could barely contain my feelings of triumph." What does he mean by sagacity?

- A. Insanity
- B. Ignorance
- C. Intelligence
- D. Happiness

