

CW: After reading the story and watching the video, begin responding to the following questions. You can use your notes from the previous class. The notes and your classwork will act as your study guide for Monday's Quiz which will NOT be open book or open notes.

1. Mood: What kind of mood is created for the reader in the story? Consider fear, dread, unease, suspense. Give evidence from the story.
2. Imagery/dark imagery: How does the author describe the cat? Identify some of the words the author uses and kind of image that creates for the reader
3. Symbolism: What could Pluto symbolise? In general, black cats have a reputation of being symbols of bad luck or being an omen, do these connotations reflect in the story?
4. Why does the narrator present himself to be so violent? How can we trace his descent into madness and how does that reflect the corruption of the soul (if at all).
5. Which of the following theme(s)/ central message(s) do you think is most relevant to the story and why? Use evidence from the story.
 - a. Guilt cannot be hidden forever
 - b. Violence leads to self-destruction
 - c. Humans have a dark, irrational side
6. Diction and Syntax : How the author's word choice creates the tone/mood of intensity and horror? Additionally, how does the syntax (long, winding sentences) mirror the narrator's mental state?