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Comprehension Questions for "The Raven"

Directions: Answer each question in full sentences below in the space provided. Each answer is worth 2 marks. One mark is for writing the correct answer and One mark is for answering in a complete sentence,

1. What is the poem's narrator is doing in the first stanza? Where do you think he is?

2. The narrator of the poem is sad because his lost love is dead. What is her name and how does he try to escape his sorrow?

3. What fills the narrator's heart with terror in stanza 3?

4. What does the narrator see when he first opens the chamber door (stanza 4)?

5. In stanza 7, the raven flies into the narrator's chamber. Where does the raven perch?

6. What is the first question the narrator asks the raven (stanza 8)?

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7. What is the raven's only answer to the narrator's questions?

8. In stanza 12, the narrator sits down in front of the raven. What is the narrator thinking as he looks at the bird?

9. As the poem progresses, the narrator becomes more and more furious with the raven. Why does he become so angry?

10. Where is the raven at the end of the poem (stanza 18)? What does the raven's presence tell the reader about the narrator's grief?
