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The Watchful Eye

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The narrator might see his own guilt and fear reflected in the eye, making it seem terrifying to him.
2. Guilt builds up inside the narrator, making him believe he hears the old man's heartbeat, which leads to his confession.
3. Poe may have chosen an eye because eyes symbolize knowledge, judgment, and truth, making it a powerful object for the narrator's paranoia.
4. A friend might tell the narrator to talk to someone about his fears instead of acting on them in a dangerous way.

