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Shifting Reality

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Some might say yes, because he constantly tries to prove his sanity. Others might say no, because his actions clearly show he is not in control.
2. The narrator's fear of the eye and guilt over his crime make him imagine sounds and believe the police are tricking him.
3. Some may argue that he would have stayed calm, while others may believe his guilt would have overwhelmed him in another way.
4. Poe creates suspense by making the reader experience the narrator's growing panic, questioning what is real and what is in his mind.

