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Shadows Creep

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Poe uses darkness to hide things and make the narrator paranoid, while small amounts of light (like from the lantern) reveal terrifying details.
2. The story would feel different in a busy city because the narrator might not feel as isolated, and there would be more chances for someone to hear him.
3. His emotions turn the house from a quiet, peaceful place into a terrifying, suffocating trap.
4. Answers will vary, but students may describe feeling nervous, afraid, or wanting to escape the eerie silence of the house.

