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Fearful Mind

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. How does the narrator's paranoia grow stronger throughout the story?
2. Do you think the narrator would have confessed if he had not imagined the heartbeat? Why or why not?
3. How does Edgar Allan Poe use suspense to make the reader feel the narrator's paranoia?
4. If you were in the narrator's situation, how would you have handled your fear differently?

