

Name _____

Fearful Mind

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. It starts with his obsession over the eye, then turns into fear of the heartbeat, and finally, it makes him believe the police are playing a trick on him.
2. Some may say yes, because his guilt was too strong, while others may say no, because he was originally very confident.
3. Poe builds suspense by describing the narrator's slow, careful movements, then increasing tension with the imagined sounds and his growing panic.
4. Answers will vary, but students may suggest talking to someone, leaving the situation, or finding a logical way to deal with fear instead of letting it control them.

