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Poe's Dark World

Short Answer Key

1. The narrator insists he is sane, but his obsession with the eye and his paranoia show that he is losing control.
2. Poe uses repetition to show the character's obsession and to build suspense, making the reader feel the growing tension.
3. His guilt makes him imagine a heartbeat growing louder and louder, until he can no longer stand it and confesses.
4. Suspense keeps the reader engaged, making them wonder what will happen next and whether the narrator will be caught.
5. The dark, quiet house at night makes the story feel more eerie and adds to the narrator's paranoia.

