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## Timeless Terror

### Short Answer Key

1. Poe builds suspense through the narrator's slow movements, detailed descriptions, and growing paranoia.
2. The narrator insists he is sane, but his thoughts and actions suggest otherwise, making him unreliable.
3. The narrator believes he has committed the perfect crime, but his guilt makes him hear a heartbeat, leading to his downfall.
4. The story explores the human mind, showing how fear and guilt can take control, which still interests readers today.
5. Many horror stories use Poe's ideas of unreliable narrators, eerie settings, and psychological fear to build suspense.

