

Name _____

Haunted Beliefs

Short Answer Key

1. Superstition makes the narrator believe that the second cat is haunting him, leading him to act irrationally.
2. The cat looks like Pluto, follows him everywhere, and has a strange mark that seems to change shape.
3. Because of his guilt, the narrator sees the second cat as a sign of punishment rather than just another animal.
4. His guilt and fear make him imagine the white mark changing into a noose, symbolizing justice.
5. Poe slowly reveals strange events, making the narrator (and the reader) question what is real and what is imagined.

