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Haunted Beliefs

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Some may believe that superstition is real in the story, while others might say that the narrator's mind is playing tricks on him.
2. Poe uses eerie descriptions and the narrator's growing fear to show how people can believe in supernatural events when they feel guilty or scared.
3. If the narrator had ignored superstition, he might have realized that his guilt was affecting him and acted more rationally.
4. Many people change their behavior because of superstitions, like avoiding black cats, not walking under ladders, or carrying lucky charms.

