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Hidden Meanings

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Some readers may believe the cats have supernatural powers, while others might think the narrator is just imagining things due to his guilt.
2. Guilt causes the narrator to become paranoid, making him believe the cat is haunting him.
3. The noose could symbolize punishment, fate, or the narrator's fear of being caught.
4. Cats are often linked to mystery and superstition, which fits the eerie tone of the story.

