

# Edgar Allan Poe Author Study

Learn more about Poe: his life, his writing, the historical events of the time, and his influence on modern-day authors. Then, you will create a poster about what you have learned.

1. Visit the Edgar Allan Poe Society of Baltimore site at <http://www.eapoe.org/> to learn more about Poe's life, writing, and publishing in Baltimore. Take notes as you read, and then choose several *relevant* and *interesting* details to illustrate on your poster. Be able to explain why you chose them and why they are relevant to an author study during your presentation.
2. Read a short historical biography of Poe at <http://www.eapoe.org/geninfo/poechron.htm> and learn about significant historical events that occurred during his lifetime.
  - Create a historical timeline about Poe's life for your poster using the Timeline Tool at <http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/timeline/index.html>
  - Read through the years of Poe's life, and choose several interesting events of his life as well as some of the historical details listed on the Poe Chronology.
  - Illustrate the details you have chosen.
  - Tie together Poe's life with historical details.
3. Several modern writers cite Poe as an influence in their own writing. What can you find out about these writers?
  - Visit the pages focusing on several other authors.
    - [Ray Bradbury](http://www.raybradbury.com/) at <http://www.raybradbury.com/>
    - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle at <http://www.sherlockian.net/>
    - Stephen King at <http://www.scarletking.20m.com/>
  - After viewing their sites, show Poe's influence on one of these authors on your poster.
  - Choose a story from ONE author to illustrate similarities to the Poe stories you have read.
  - On your poster, illustrate connections or similarities with stories by Poe and your chosen author. Include written and pictorial information that details similarities in theme, character, setting and mood.

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## Edgar Allan Poe Author Study Rubric

Poster includes relevant and interesting details from E.A. Poe Web site that are illustrated	_____ /25
Historical timeline ties Poe's life to historical details and is illustrated	_____ /25
Modern-day author comparison illustrates connections or similarities with stories by Poe and includes written and pictorial information that detail similarities in theme, character, setting and mood	_____ /25
Poster shows how historical events and events in Poe's life influenced the mood, style, and tone of his writing	_____ /25
TOTAL	_____ /100