

The Raven: Says - Means - Matters

THESIS: In the poem titled, “The Raven,” Edgar Allan Poe uses **an unreliable narrator and symbolism** to argue/communicate/express the Romantic idea _____

	What does the text... SAY?	What does the author... MEAN?	Why does it... MATTER?
Who is the NARRATOR? What is his state of mind?	When the narrator states: “ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ ”	The statement means _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	This is important because it reveals _____ _____ _____ _____
TO NE	Lines such as “ _____ _____ _____” develop a _____ tone.	This helps the reader _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	An examination of this line reveals _____ _____ _____ _____
SYMBOLISM	The narrator declares “ _____ _____ _____ _____	In this statement, the narrator describes _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	This description makes the reader think _____ _____ _____ _____
SYMBOLISM	At the end of the poem , the narrator states, “ _____ _____ _____ _____ (ll.).	In this statement, the narrators shows that _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	This resolution reminds one that _____ _____ _____ _____

REFLECTION: Many literary critics see Edgar Allan Poe’s poem “The Raven” as the ultimate critique of Rationalism and the limits of logic. Do you agree with this critical take on Poe’s most famous poem? Why or why not?
