

# Edgar Allan Poe: Project Options

**The project:** Select one of the following project options. Each project will be worth **fifty points** and be graded based on individual criteria. Once you have chosen your project, inform your instructor and you will be given the grading rubric. You may propose additional project ideas to your instructor if the work load is comparable to the ideas listed below.

## Poster (individual project)

Create a poster. The poster can be about his life, one of his stories or poems, or a collection of his stories or poems, or a mix of all the same. You can design this project like a movie poster. It must be on standard poster board, and all information must be accurate and spelled correctly. **Posters must be done individually** and show signs of knowledge of Poe gained through research. In other words, try to focus on criteria like plot, figurative language, mood, meaning, and theme. You will also need to present your poster to the class and explain the details of the poster to the class. When presenting, focus on explaining how your poster demonstrates what you have learned. \*\*\*When focusing on Poe's life, be sure to add newly researched information.

## Board Game (group of up to three)

Create a board game about the life and writings of Edgar Allan Poe. The board game must include:

- **a minimum of 20 questions:** remember that you may need more than 20 to make the game playable
- a separate, typed question and answer sheet (for instructor to grade)
- you must create and type instructions and rules of the game
  - focus on: the object of the game, how to play, the rules, number of players

Keep in mind, you also must **design the board, the box, and the game pieces**. All questions, answers and instructions **must be typed**. You may work in groups of up to **three people** for this project.

## Video (group of up to 4)

Create a video about the life of Edgar Allan Poe or a reenactment of one of his stories or poems. The video should be at least five minutes in length. **You must also write and type a script before filming your video**. Make sure that the content on the video is appropriate for school and that the content is accurate to Poe's life and/or works. Also, make sure that the sound and picture quality of the video is good and is able to be easily shown to the class. You may work in groups of up to four people for this project; however, you are permitted to have "extras" to help produce the video. ALL group members must have some part in the video.

## Poem OR Story Board (individual/group of two)

Create an updated version of the poem "The Raven." Re-write the poem in your own words to make it more understandable for people your age. You need to include the major details of the poem discussed in class and must use updated vocabulary (2016) keeping in mind the poetic elements when retelling the poem (repetition, rhyme, alliteration.) It does not need to be the same length, but does need to capture the important details of the poem.

If you choose to create a story board, you will be interpreting the details of the poem through pictures. Be sure to display time and effort into your images. It can be done in comic book style or on a poster board. You will need at **least 8 pictures** to capture the main ideas throughout the poem.

**Additional Ideas:** Re-write story from another perspective; Rewrite a short story as a poem; Create a diorama