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“The Black Cat” by Edgar Allen Poe

1. Annotate the story as we read.
   1. Write questions that come to your mind.
   2. Write short summaries at the end of each paragraph.
   3. Write connections you can make to other things.
   4. Circle unknown vocabulary terms and jot down the meaning (look it up or ask).
   5. Underline/Highlight examples of figurative language and sensory details.
2. Make a character map for the main character. Include personality traits, things that he wants, and any other information you learn about him. Include textual evidence whenever possible.
3. How does Poe reveal character in “The Black Cat?” DIRECT INDIRECT

How do you know?

1. Do you think the narrator is a round character or a flat character? Why? Include textual evidence.
2. Make a setting map. Include the sensory details and description that are given to help us understand the setting. Include textual evidence whenever possible.
3. How does the setting of “The Black Cat” help to evoke the mood? Could the story take place somewhere else and have the same effect?
4. What does a black cat typically symbolize? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Given that meaning of a black cat, why is the title “The Black Cat” significant?

1. Write a final paragraph to close the story. What happens next? Try to mimic Poe’s writing style.