

PROJECT: AMERICAN OR CANADIAN LITERATURE

The Raven
Edgar Allan Poe
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GENRES AND AUTHORS IN AMERICAN OR CANADIAN LITERATURE

- ✘ Mark Twain - The Adventures of Tom Sawyer – novel
- ✘ Jack London - The Call of the Wild – novel
- ✘ Edgar Allan Poe – The Raven and Other Poems – poems collection (The Raven – narrative poem)
- ✘ Joseph Heller - Catch 22 – novel
- ✘ Walt Whitman - Leaves of Grass – poem
- ✘ Ray Bradbury - The Martian Chronicle - sci-fi short stories collection

MY CHOICE

- ✘ Name: The Raven
- ✘ Author: Edgar Allan Poe
- ✘ Publisher: The Evening Mirrors
- ✘ Published: on 29.1. 1845, New York
- ✘ Reasons: length, read an original version, no idea what else



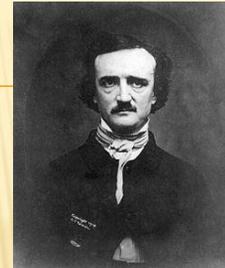
AUTHOR

- ✘ Edgar Allan Poe (1809 – 1849)

Genre: mainly Poetry and Prose

Life: orphan, studied literature at the University of Virginia, problems with alcohol, debts and drugs => depression, alcohol and drugs killed him

Books: Black Cat and Other Stories, The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym of Nantucket, The Pit and the Pendulum



LANGUAGE I GOT FROM THE READING - KEY WORDS AND PHRASES

- ✘ **Mutter** - to speak quietly and in a low voice that is not easy to hear
- ✘ **Forgiveness** - the act of forgiving or the willingness to forgive
- ✘ **Tinkle on** - to make a light ringing sound
- ✘ **Respite** - a pause or rest from something difficult or unpleasant
- ✘ **Nap** - to sleep for a short time, especially during the day
- ✘ **Tap** - to hit something gently, and often repeatedly, especially making short, sharp noises

QUOTATION

- ✘ ONCE upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary,
Over many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten lore— While I
nodded, nearly napping, suddenly there came a tapping, As of
some one gently rapping, rapping at my chamber door.

“ ’Tis some visitor,” I muttered, “tapping at my chamber door— Only this and nothing more.” (First page, first paragraph)

Translation: (My translation)

Jednou o půlnoci ponurý, když jsem přemýšlel slabý a unavený.
nad mnohými starobylými a zajímavými svazky zapomenutých tradic.
Když jsem klímbal téměř spal, najednou se ozvalo zaklepaní, Jak
někdo jemně klepe na dveře. “ Nějaký host, “ zamumlal jsem
“klepe na dveře. “ – Pouze to a víc už ne.

Reason: the easiest paragraph for translation, typical structure and rhythm, shows a atmosphere of a narrative

WHAT I DID NOT KNOW BEFORE READING THE BOOK

- ✘ It is one of the most important works for Romanticism and also one of the shortest poems.(It has only 108 verses.)
- ✘ I knew almost everything about the plot but a lot of new words were there.

CHARACTER FROM THE BOOK

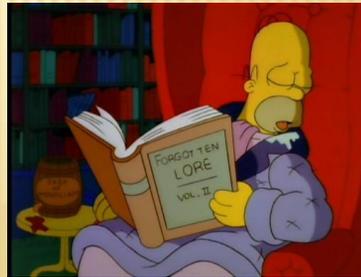
- ✘ Narrator (The man)
 - + Alone, suffering from fever, sad thoughts, scared
 - + Remember his dead woman
 - + Curious – ask the raven => angry - doesn't like its answers

Differences: mood, he is sick, sad memories, alone(he lost everything what he wanted)



IF I WERE ..., I WOULD/WOULD NOT ..."

- ✘ If I were the Man, I would go to sleep and wouldn't care for strange sounds.



RECOMMENDATION

- ✘ I would like to recommend the book to everybody who likes poetry, Poe's production and awesome descriptions of atmosphere and emotional states of characters.

RESOURCES

- ✖ https://cs.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edgar_Allan_Poe
- ✖ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Raven
- ✖ <http://www.ibiblio.org/ebooks/Poe/Raven.pdf>
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