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Know Your Poe? Be the School Hero

Announcing Shmoop's Fall 2010
High School Essay Contest



**Grand Prize: iPad 3G for you PLUS
your entire school gets a 1 year free
Shmoop VIP Pass**

Entry Deadline: 11:59pm PST, Oct. 31. Winner announced first week of December

You Win, Everyone Wins

All teachers and students in the Grand Prize winner's school will receive a 1 year free pass to:

- SAT Prep
- PSAT Prep
- AP Exam Prep
- Teacher's Editions



Plus, Win an iPad 3G

The Grand Prize winner will bring home an iPad 3G. (Just for you, not for your entire school. iPads don't grow on trees.)

- New iPad with Wi-Fi + 3G
- 16 GB
- Does not include 3G data plan, sold separately



Ready? Answer this question in 500 or fewer words

The narrator of Edgar Allan Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart" wants us to know that he is not "mad," but can we believe him? In fact, how about the speaker in "The Raven"? He seems a little bit on edge, too, doesn't he? We want you to decide, based on what you read in the poem and the story, whether these men are crazy or not. But we don't just want a snap judgment – this is serious business. Go over these works like a detective, and give us hard evidence. We want you to point to specific moments in the story, and use them to tell us whether these two guys are nuts. Or maybe one of them is and not the other? Or neither of them? If they aren't crazy, what's going on here?

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