**Questions The Tell-Tale Heart**

**Comprehension Questions**

1. Why does the narrator want to kill the old man? What bothers him about the old man?
2. How does the narrator try to prove that he is not mad? Do you think he is successful?
3. Describe how the narrator behaves on the night of the murder. What does he do to prepare?
4. What happens when the police come to the house? How does the narrator react to their presence?

**Analytical Questions**

1. How does Edgar Allan Poe create suspense in the story? Provide examples from the text.
2. The narrator insists on his sanity throughout the story. What evidence suggests otherwise?
3. How does the narrator’s perception of sound change throughout the story? What does the beating heart symbolize?

**Critical Thinking Questions**

1. Do you think the narrator feels guilty for his actions? Why or why not?
2. Imagine you are one of the police officers. Would you have suspected the narrator earlier? Why or why not?
3. Why do you think Poe chose to write the story from the narrator’s perspective rather than as an observer or a detective?