

“The Cask of Amontillado” by Edgar Allan Poe

POINT OF VIEW is the angle of considering things, which shows us the opinion or feelings of the individuals involved in a situation. In literature, point of view is the mode of narration that an author employs to let the readers “hear” and “see” what takes place in a story, poem, or essay.

1. **First person** point of view involves the use of either of the two pronouns “I” or “we.”
 - “**I** felt like **I** was getting drowned with shame and disgrace.”
2. **Second person** point of view employs the pronoun “you.”
 - “Sometimes **you** cannot clearly discern between anger and frustration.”
3. **Third person** point of view uses pronouns like “he,” “she,” “it,” “they,” or a name.
 - “**Stewart** is a principled man. **He** acts by the book and never lets you deceive **him** easily.”

-<https://literarydevices.net/point-of-view/>

1. Identify the type of point of view used to tell this story.

Answer in roughly 1+ full sentences.

UNRELIABLE NARRATOR: A narrator that is not trustworthy, whose rendition of events must be taken with a grain of salt. We tend to see such narrators especially in first-person narration, since that form of narration tends to underline the motives behind the transmission of a given story.

-<https://www.cla.purdue.edu/english/theory/narratology/terms/unreliable.html>

2. After reading the short story, determine whether or not you believe that Montresor is an unreliable narrator. Make sure to explain your answer.

Answer in roughly 3+ full sentences.

3. In addition, find at least one quote that will support your answer. Write it below in its entirety and write the page number next to it.

Quote(s)	(Page #)

DRAMATIC IRONY

Definition- Dramatic irony occurs when the audience knows something that a character does not know.

- Literature examples- In the “Tell-Tale Heart,” the reader knows that the narrator is going to kill the old man, but the old man does not know.
 - Life example- Dramatic irony is popular in horror movies. Have you ever seen a horror movie that has a killer on the loose? You, and the rest of the audience, know that the teenagers should not go walking in the woods late at night, but the teenagers think a midnight stroll would be romantic. Needless to say, the teens become the next victims.
4. Can you think of another example of dramatic irony in a movie? You are welcome to look up examples.

Answer in roughly 1+ full sentences.

VERBAL IRONY

Definition- Verbal irony occurs when a character says one thing but means something else.

- Life example- Your boyfriend shows up in ripped up jeans and a stained t-shirt. With a smirk, you say, "Oh! I see you dressed up for our date. We must be going to a posh restaurant."
5. Can you think of an example of verbal irony?

Answer in roughly 1+ full sentences.

Yes, it does sound a bit like sarcasm. However, whereas a **Sarcastic** remark suggests sharp taunting and ridicule that wounds an **Ironic** remark implies a subtler form of mockery in which an intended meaning is conveyed indirectly.

Definition- Sarcasm is a form of wit that is marked by the use of sarcastic language and is intended to make its victim the butt of contempt or ridicule.

6. In your own words, explain the difference between sarcasm and verbal irony.

Answer in roughly 1+ full sentences.

SITUATIONAL IRONY

Definition- Situational irony occurs when one outcome is expected, but another outcome occurs.

- Literature example- In the short story “The Necklace,” the main character, Mathilde, borrows a necklace and then loses it. She replaces the necklace with a new one and never lets the original owner know that she lost

her necklace. After years of living in poverty, Mathilde finally tells the owner that she lost the original necklace. In return, the owner says that the “borrowed” necklace was a fake necklace.

- Life example- In my hometown, in two separate fires, both the grocery store and the home next door to the fire station burned down.

7. Provide an example of situational irony.

Answer in roughly 1+ full sentences.

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8. Provide an example of **dramatic** irony from the story.

Answer in roughly 1+ full sentences.

a. How is this an example of **dramatic** irony?

Answer in roughly 1+ full sentences.

9. Provide an example of **verbal** irony from the story.

Answer in roughly 1+ full sentences.

a. How is this an example of **verbal** irony?

Answer in roughly 1+ full sentences.

10. How is Fortunato’s name an example of situational irony?

Answer in roughly 1+ full sentences.