

Poe's Short Stories Unit Assessment

Magazine Project:

You are a reporter, and your editor has just handed you your first big assignment. You have been chosen to put together the next issue of the magazine. (You are to use the stories from our Poe Short Story Unit: *The Black Cat*, *The Cask of Amontillado*, *The Masque of the Red Death*, and *The Pit and the Pendulum* as the basis for your articles.)

Your magazine must have the following:

- Eye catching **cover** with interesting headlines **(35 points)**
- **Two news articles** (follow the Who, What, Where, When, Why, How format we've previously discussed in class) Three Paragraphs Minimum **(15 points each)**
- One **interview** with a main character from one of the stories. (You will develop ten questions, each of the character's answers should be a minimum of a paragraph in length/Each question requires a five sentence answer (10 questions x 5 sentences=50 total sentences) Keep in mind you may want to develop some follow up questions as determined by the character's answers. **(20 points)**
- One **magazine ad** that takes a modern product and advertises it as if it were being sold in the setting (time & place) of one of the stories. **(15 points)**

Total: 100 points

Anything extra: articles, advertisements, horoscopes, puzzles, etc will be graded as extra credit for this assignment ONLY if all of the above aspects are covered.

Audience:

For which magazine are you writing? Consider the interests of your audience, and make sure that your questions and articles address those interests. At the same time, balance creativity with knowledge of the stories' plot and characters. Your answers should show familiarity with the stories. Please keep this school appropriate!

Format:

- For the articles, use size 12, Times New Roman font. Headlines can vary.
- Make sure your document is double- spaced.
- Build this project to LOOK like a magazine, not a book report.
- For the interview, use a question and answer format.
- You will design or draw an image or magazine cover that corresponds to the content of your interview and articles. You will be given time in class to complete this image.

****This project will be graded as a test grade so take advantage of this opportunity.**

All articles/interviews MUST be typed.

The headlines can be drawn or typed on the cover page.

The pictures for the cover, articles, interview, ad, comics, can be drawn or printed off the Internet

The project will be due on _____