

Seven Stories of Mystery and Horror

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A Before Reading

- Edgar Allan Poe was a famous American writer. He wrote horror stories.
 - Have you read any horror stories?
 - Have you seen any horror movies? Did you get scared?
 - Why do some people like being scared?
- Below are two columns. On the left are the names of the stories. On the right are what the stories are about. Can you guess which ones go together?

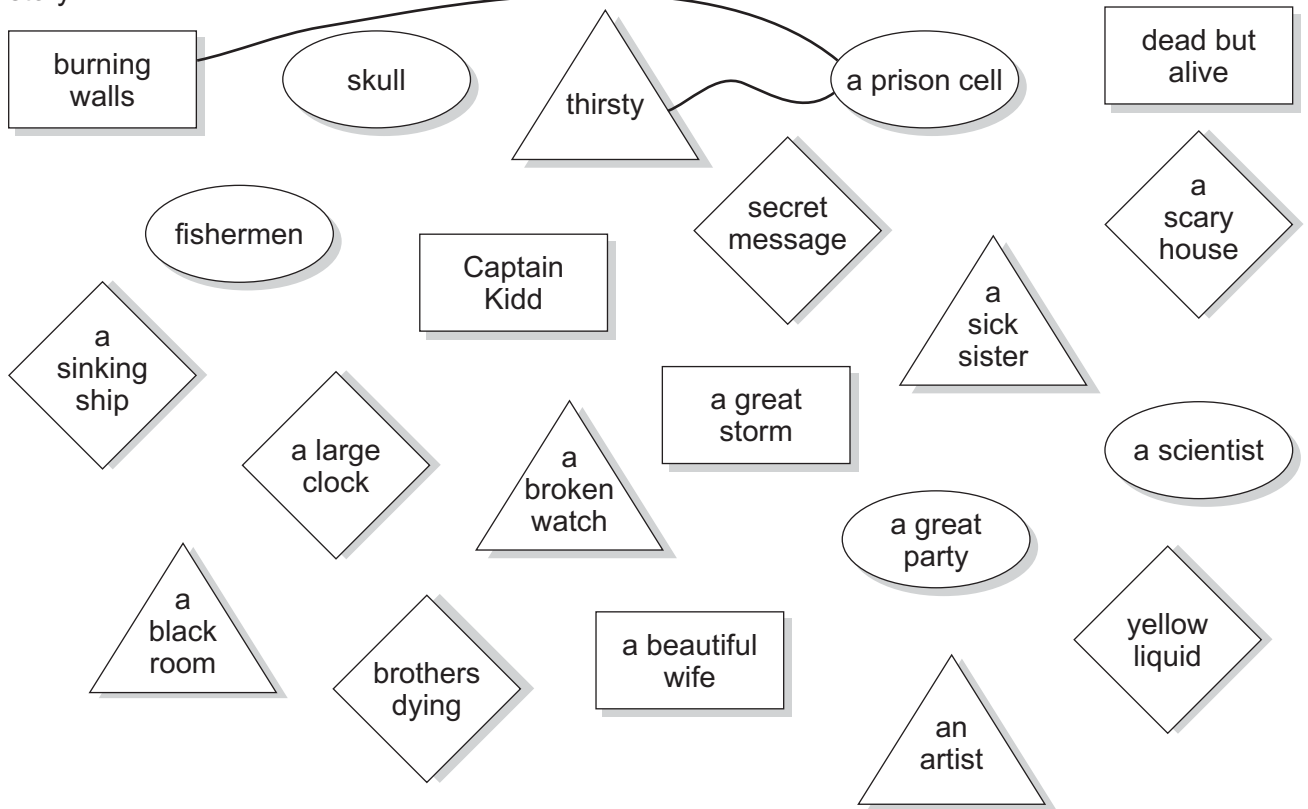
The Pit And The Pendulum	A buried pirate treasure
The Gold Bug	A deadly disease
The Facts In The Case Of Mr Valdemar	A haunted house
The Fall Of The House Of Usher	A ship that sinks because of a body in a coffin
Down Into The Maelström	Hypnotism of a sick man
The Masque Of The Red Death	A torture chamber
The Oblong Box	A great ocean whirlpool

B While Reading

- Many people die in these horror stories. Who dies in each story? How do they die? Make a chart like the one below and fill in the answers.

Who dies?	How do they die?	Which story?
Mr Valdemar	A disease of the lungs	The facts in the case of Mr Valdemar

4 Below is a word map. Each story has three shapes. Draw a line between the three shapes for each story.



C After Reading

5 Which was your favourite story? Why did you like it the best? Write four reasons why you liked the story.

My favourite story was _____ ,
 because _____

6 Choose one of the stories. It will be made into a movie.

- (a) Choose the actors to play each character.
- (b) Why did you choose those actors?
- (c) Make a new name for the story.
- (d) Design a poster for the movie.