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The Tell-Tale Heart
By Edgar Allan Poe
Reading Companion

I. What hypotheses can you make about the story based on the title and the author?

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II. Use context clues to complete the following vocabulary table:

Word	Line	Meaning in context	Part of Speech
Example: <i>conceived</i>	<i>l. 7</i>	<i>made, created</i>	<i>verb</i>
1. thus			
2. sufficient			
3. vexed			
4. extent			
5. suppositions			
6. in vain			////////////////
7. enveloped			
8. refrain			
9. wary			
10. agony			

III. Short answer

1 A). What literary device can be found on line 3?

B). What is the effect?

2. A). On line 11, “*my blood ran cold*” is a common idiom using what literary device?

B). What is the effect created by this idiom?

3 A). On l. 16, “before I killed him” is what literary device?

B. In your opinion, does this add or detract from the suspense? Why?

4 A). What literary device is employed on l. 53-54?

B). How do you know?

5. Identify two similes used from lines 65-68. Explain the effects of these similes.

Simile	Effect

IV. On a separate sheet of paper, write a paragraph to answer the following question:

- ***How*** does Poe create suspense in this story through his ***pacing***?
- Use ***textual evidence*** to support your answer.