

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, Jordan will have a deeper understanding of Edgar Allan Poe's life, themes, and literary style. He will be able to analyze and discuss selected works, exploring how Poe's experiences influenced his writing and the impact of his stories on literature.

## Materials and Prep

- Notebook or journal for writing
- Pens or pencils
- Access to a computer or tablet for research (optional)
- Edgar Allan Poe's selected short stories or poems (can be printed or accessed online)
- Art supplies (colored pencils, markers, paper for creative projects)

Before the lesson, it may be helpful for Jordan to read a brief biography of Edgar Allan Poe to understand his background and influences.

## Activities

- **Biography Exploration:** Research Edgar Allan Poe's life and create a timeline highlighting key events. This will help Jordan connect Poe's experiences with his writing.
- **Poetry Analysis:** Choose one of Poe's poems (e.g., "The Raven") and analyze its themes, structure, and language. Jordan can write a short essay or create a visual representation of the poem's main ideas.
- **Creative Writing:** Inspired by Poe, Jordan can write his own short story or poem using similar themes (e.g., mystery, horror, or the supernatural). Encourage him to experiment with suspense and vivid imagery.
- **Art Project:** Create an illustrated poster that captures the essence of one of Poe's works. This could include quotes, imagery, and symbols that represent the story's themes.
- **Discussion and Reflection:** After completing the activities, have a discussion about what Jordan learned. Encourage him to reflect on how Poe's writing style and themes resonate with modern readers.

## Talking Points

- "Edgar Allan Poe is often called the master of macabre. What do you think makes his stories and poems so captivating?"
- "Poe's life was full of tragedy. How do you think his personal experiences influenced his writing?"
- "In 'The Raven,' what emotions do you think the speaker is experiencing? How does Poe use language to convey those feelings?"
- "Poe's use of suspense is a key element in his stories. Can you think of a moment in a story where you felt a sense of tension?"
- "Why do you think Poe's works are still popular today? What themes do you see that connect to modern life?"