**“The Fall of the House of Usher”**

**Edgar Allan Poe**

1. **Guiding Questions**
2. As you read the first few pages, what lines/descriptions/use of **imagery** let you know this is a work of gothic romanticism?
3. Choose a quotation that you feel best describes the **atmosphere/mood** of the story.
4. Physically describe Roderick Usher.
5. What “singular feature” of Usher’s mental condition does the narrator discover on pg 268?
6. Who is Madeline and what do we learn of her?
7. **Foreshadowing**- choose 1 quotation that you believe is a harbinger of what will happen next.
8. What **3 coincidental sounds** occur on the night of the storm?
9. What happens to Roderick?
10. **Symbolism**—What could the large fissure in the house represent?
11. Poe often tells his tales from the point of view of an **unreliable narrator**. What evidence is there in the text to suggest that the narrator’s state of mind may be deteriorating?