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**Edgar Allan Poe Biography Questions**

[**http://www.biography.com/people/edgar-allan-poe-9443160**](http://www.biography.com/people/edgar-allan-poe-9443160)[**http://www.poets.org/poet.php/prmPID/130**](http://www.poets.org/poet.php/prmPID/130)

[**https://www.eapoe.org/geninfo/poechron.htm**](https://www.eapoe.org/geninfo/poechron.htm)[**https://www.poemuseum.org/poes-biography**](https://www.poemuseum.org/poes-biography)

1. Where and when was Edgar Allan Poe born?
2. Describe Poe’s family situation -- begin with his biological parents, then his foster parents, and eventually his aunt’s family.
3. Where did Poe attend college?
4. Edgar Allan Poe's foster father disinherited him and cut him out of his life. How did Poe's bitterness toward his foster father impact his life?
5. What did Poe do after he ran out of money and had to leave college?
6. Most of the hardships of Edgar Allan Poe's life were his of his own making. Name one example and explain how Poe was his own worst enemy?
7. When did Poe publish his first work of poetry?
8. Who did Poe marry?
9. Poe is considered the "father of the detective story." Why is this so?
10. Tuberculosis, which we rarely hear of today, killed Poe's mother, foster mother and wife. Why was this disease so prevalent and deadly during Poe’s time, but virtually unheard of in modern times?
11. What role does alcohol play in Poe's downfall and descent?
12. When and where did Poe die?
13. Edgar Allan Poe died over a century ago in poverty and despair. Yet, today his stories and poems are more popular than ever. Why is his work so enduring?
14. One of the most famous horror writers of the twentieth century is Stephen King. How would you compare Stephen King with Edgar Allan Poe? If Stephen King lived during Poe's era, would he be as successful as he is?
15. What is Poe’s connection to Baltimore? to Philadelphia?