

I heard from Ms. Martocello that you wanted to finish the year with something dark and creepy. I tried to change the mood and lighten things up, but I can see that I have turned you all into those that enjoy classic creepy literature. Yay! So, at your request, here is some more Edgar Allan Poe. For this assignment, I ask that you paraphrase. This is different than summarizing. I want you to read the attached poem, “Annabel Lee,” and then paraphrase each stanza. I have given you an example by paraphrasing the first stanza. Paraphrasing is the rewording of something written or spoken by someone else.

The method to use when paraphrasing is L.R.R (Look up, Rewrite, Reread) Look up key words that give meaning to each line, rewrite words using synonyms or definitions, and then reread to check that the meaning of the stanza is the same.

It was many and many a year ago,
In a kingdom by the sea,
That a maiden there lived whom you may know
By the name of Annabel Lee; —
And this maiden she lived with no other thought
Than to love and be loved by me.

Edgar’s Words

It was decades in the past,
In a monarchy by the ocean,
A princess was there whom you may have heard of
She was called Annabel Lee; —
This noble woman existed with no other intention
Than to care and to be cared for by me.

Mrs. Palumbo’s Words