

### What you will need to prepare for in-class writing

You will begin writing your paper in class next Sunday. Therefore, for homework, I want you to gather what you will need to make your 45 minutes VERY productive. I will be checking for the following, a reputable source (other than S.S. Van Dine's article) which discusses Edgar Allan Poe's first detective text. Because I may deny this source, have an extra one on hand. A thesis statement. A PRINTED copy of "20 Rules for Writing a Detective Story." When I asked you all last week a question about it, you should not be searching online for answers or shuffling papers. It should be IN YOUR HANDS. And have the short story pulled up on your screen. Be ready to write. There are a couple of different topics you can write about, but the topics that MUST be discussed are information surrounding Poe's importance/involvement in writing the first detective story and "The Murders in the Rue Morgue." How you write your thesis is up to you. I will check your homework and post a grade on here on Sunday. You will show me in front of the class that you have each of these required tasks completed. Good luck.