

Do a close reading of the last two paragraphs of “The Masque of the Red Death.” When you close read, please define vocabulary that you don’t know, question parts of the texts that are unclear (confusing) and make inferences as to the author’s purpose for events that occur at the end of story. For example, Who is the masked intruder? Does someone get stabbed? Why does this happen in the black room? Why did the author find it necessary to talk about the clock at the end of the story? Is there anyone under the mask?

Begin this close reading on the second to last page, (second paragraph, as I mentioned) beginning with, “It was in the blue room where stood the prince...” Come to class ready to discuss these last couple of paragraphs **at length**. I do not want you to look up answers online, I will check for plagiarism. If you mark up your printed out PDF of “The Masque of the Red Death” to show that you closely read to go along with your written work, please take a photo of your work and hand it in with your written work on Google Classroom. I will add it to your grade.