**Poe Question Set: *The Raven***

**Directions:** You have the option of completing this set alone or with your Peer Partner. If you work with your Peer, please note it on your response sheet. You’ll have time in class to begin answering these; we’ll also use these questions as the basis for discussion.

Make sure to use complete sentences (always!), good grammar, and explain your responses in order to receive full credit for this work. Use specific details from the work of literature to show your reasoning.\*\*

*The Raven*

1. What are some of the symbols employed by Poe in "The Raven"? There are many. Make sure to explain of what each is symbolic.
2. What is the setting of *The Raven*? How does the setting contribute to the mood of the poem?
3. List five things you know about the narrator of the poem.
4. In the last stanza of the poem, the narrator is trapped in the raven’s shadow. Does the poem end the way you expected? How? Why?
5. Who is Lenore? Where is she now? Quote the lines in the poem that indicate this to you. Note: Be careful not to immediately conflate Poe and the Narrator; they may not be the same person.
6. Give a physical description of the Raven.
7. What six things does the narrator say/ask to which the raven responds “Nevermore”?
8. In stanza 13, the narrator says “Nevermore.” Why?