**The Masque of the Red Death**

* *Respond to the following questions using the details from the story.*
* *Make SURE to always support your answers by referring to specifics from the story.*
* *In order for a response to receive full credit, you will need not only to respond with a correct answer but explain your response using evidence from the story.*
* *You may work on this individually or in pairs/groups of no more than three. If you work with a partner or two others, make sure to put your name on all papers that are handed-in!*
* *These are due by 10pm tonight.*

1. Describe Prince Prospero; then, describe his home in as much detail as possible.
2. Why is he throwing this party? Who are his guests?
3. What causes both the musicians and the party-goers to stop silently every once and a while? What do you think this is symbolic of? (what does it mean?)
4. What is “the red death” in the story? (there are a couple of ways you can answer that)
5. Why does no one notice the new-comer (in the Red Death masque) at first? Describe the appearance of the individual dressed as the Red Death.
6. There are seven rooms in the palace. Each has an associated color. What color is related to what room? One is \_\_\_\_, etc.

List all seven:

1. In your own words, explain what you think this story is actually about:

**Literary Terms to Know for Quiz #1/the Final:**

**Make notes during discussion!**

Allegory

Symbol

Literary Movements

Romanticism

Gothic Literature:   
 Gothic Romantic/Gothic Horror

Setting

NarratorVocabulary Bonus:   
Locate and write definitions for the following terms--

1. Avatar
2. Sagacious
3. Dominions
4. Abbeys
5. August (not the month!)
6. Eccentric
7. Courtiers
8. Buffoons
9. Improvisatori
10. Brazier
11. Tremulousness
12. Arabesque
13. Piquancy
14. Wanton
15. Disapprobation
16. Dominion

**Make a list of words that you encounter in the story that are NEW to YOU. Find definitions for each**.

\*\*At least three new terms should be listed here; more will result in bonus points!

Here are a few that might be new…

* Avatar – the incarnation of a God (Hinduism)
* Pestilence – a deadly epidemic disease
* Sagacious – keen practical sense; shrewd
* August – inspiring reverence or admiration
* Contagion – the communication of disease by contact