

The Cask of Amontillado Worksheet

A - Instructions: On a separate piece of paper look up each word and write a definition. Use a dictionary or reference PC to assist you. Please write out the word and then the definition.

Utterance	Accost	Grotesque
Preclude	Surmount	Perceive
Impunity	Sufficient	Endeavor
Immolation	Catacomb	Obstinate
Connoisseur	Intermingle	Impunity
Virtuoso	Gesticulate	Aperture

B - Instructions: On a separate sheet of paper answer the following questions. Express your answers using complete sentences.

1. Why does Montresor want revenge?
2. What weakness of Fortunato's does Montresor take advantage of in order to carry out his plan?
3. Mood is the overall feeling or atmosphere the writer creates for a reader. What mood is the author trying to create in this story? Explain your answer.
4. What happens to Fortunato?
5. It has been said that "The Cask of Amontillado" is more powerful because Poe does not include more specific information about Fortunato's insult. Do you agree? Explain why or why not.
6. Point of view is the perspective from which events in a story are related. A story told in the first person point of view has a narrator who is a character in the story and tells everything in his or her own words. "The Cask of Amontillado" is told from the first person point of view. You know what Montresor is thinking and feeling. What can you infer about Fortunato's thoughts and feelings from Montresor's descriptions in the story?
7. Why do you think Montresor ends his story with the Latin phrase meaning "May he rest in peace?"
8. What is the mood of this story?

C - Instructions: *Fortunato's Version:* On your own paper, respond to the following writing prompt. Retell your favorite part of the story as though Fortunato were the narrator. Be sure to include your impressions of your 'friend' and his actions.