Edgar Allan Poe’s death is as mysterious as he was:

no one knows how he really died, and we probably never will!

However, we can take our best guess as to what killed the poor guy.

Some death theories are more interesting or concrete than

others. Choose one of Poe’s death theories and research it. With the

information you find, you will be creating a brochure explaining

why and how this is a theory for Poe’s death.

For your brochure, you will need:

1. A Picture and cover page

--This picture should be neat, relevant, and in color

--Your brochure should have a title that is clearly and neatly written. It should be appealing!

1. An explanation of the death theory

--What is the illness?

--What are the symptoms?

--What causes it?

--Is it contagious (easily spread)?

--Is it curable?

1. **Three** supports for your death theory

--What supports that this is the cause of Poe’s death?

--How does this show Poe died from this disease?

1. At least two sources saying where you found your information.

--What are the websites/resources that you used? You need to list them.

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| **Mastery** | **Getting There…** | **Needs Improvement** |
| Flyer or brochure has a *relevant* picture, is neat, and is in color. There is a nice cover page.  5 | Flyer or brochure has a picture, but it may not be neat, in color, or relevant. There is a cover page.  2.5 | Flyer or brochure does not have a picture. There is not a clear cover page.  0 |
| Student thoroughly and clearly explains the death theory/illness, what it is, is it contagious, etc.  5 | Student explains the death theory, but may be missing important information as to what the illness is  2.5 | Student has the death theory, but they do not explain the illness or are missing key information.  1-0 |
| Student gives three supports for their death theory  5 | Students gives two supports for the death theory  2.5 | Students gives one support or no supports (0)  1-0 |
| Student gives sources for where they found their supports  5 | Student gives one source for where they found their support  2.5 | Student does not give sources for where they found their support  1-0 |
| Brochure is free of (or 1) spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors. Brochure is neatly constructed.  5 | Brochure has 2-3 spelling grammar, and punctuation errors. Brochure could be neater.  2.5 | Brochure has more than 3 spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors. Brochure is not neatly constructed.  1-0 |

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USE THIS ORGANIZER TO HELP YOU GET **ALL THE FACTS** FOR YOUR PROJECT!

1. An explanation of the death theory

--What is the illness?

--What are the symptoms?

--What causes it? Are there multiple causes?

--Is it contagious (easily spread)? If no, then why?

--Is it curable? If so, how?

1. **Three** supports for your death theory

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