Character Analysis

Name: _____

Date: _____

Fill in the table below giving evidence from the poem as to how and why the narrator of Alone relates to the three character descriptions: lonely, estranged and morbid.

1. Fill in the table for each character. Tick **Active**, **Passive** or both, and give evidence from the story.



THE NARRATOR OF ALONE

☐ Active

☐ Passive

Lonely: evidence from the poem

Estranged: evidence from the poem

Morbid: evidence from the poem

Your own verdict

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Matching exercise

Name: _____

Date: _____

1. Match each phrase from the story with an image. Draw a line to join them.

1 *And all I lov'd – I lov'd alone*

2 *From the sun that 'round me roll'd In its autumn tint of gold –*

3 *And the cloud that took the form (When the rest of Heaven was blue) Of a daemon in my view*

A 

B 

C 

Glossary

Name: _____

Date: _____

Awaken: (v) wake up

Bind: (v) to hold something together

Torrent: (n) fast moving river or stream

Tint: (n) a shade of colour

Daemon: (n) an evil spirit or demon

Estranged: (adj) no longer close to others; feeling like an outsider

BEFORE YOU READ

Can a person feel different from everyone else even in a crowd? What might cause it?

Describe a place or a moment when you felt completely alone. Was it a sad feeling, a peaceful one, or both?

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Quiz

Name: _____

Date: _____

Please choose the best option for each of the following questions.

1. What form did the cloud take in the narrator's view, when the rest of the Heaven was blue?

(a) A cat
(b) A ghost
(c) A gun
(d) A daemon

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Answer these extra questions about what you discover as you read:

1. What happens when you tap the child's mother as she stands behind him in the graveyard?

2. What appears in the red sun next to the mountain?

3. What can you see silhouetted against the child's bedroom wall when the lightning flashes?

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Think like a detective

Name: _____

Date: _____

Answer in full sentences. Support your ideas with evidence from the text.

1. The narrator says he has never seen the world as others saw it. Which words and images in the poem show how he feels apart from other people? Use quotations.

2. The poem moves from childhood to a strange cloud, a torrent, a cliff and a red sun. How does the changing scenery reflect his mood?

3. The poem is short and has no named person except the narrator. Why might Poe have kept it so short and so personal? What does the final image suggest?

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Writing

Name: _____

Date: _____

Do some research into Edgar Allan Poe's past. Write a short essay exploring different ways Alone relates to or reflects Poe's personal history. Make sure you:

a. Use at least two facts about Poe's life, and name your sources.

b. Link each fact to a line or image from the poem.

c. Give your own opinion: is it fair to read the poem as autobiography?



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