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"The Tell-Tale Heart" study guide

English 7
Short Story Unit



1. Describe the narrator's state of mind at the beginning of the story.
2. Why is the narrator so upset with the old man?
3. Why does the narrator spy on the old man at night?
4. As the narrator focuses light on the old man's eye, something happens that increases his fury. What happens?
5. Explain why the officers come to the house.
6. Why is the narrator convinced that the police know he murdered the old man?
7. The narrator's confession is a dramatic conclusion to the story. Describe some elements of fantasy and reality that are evident in this moment of truth.

