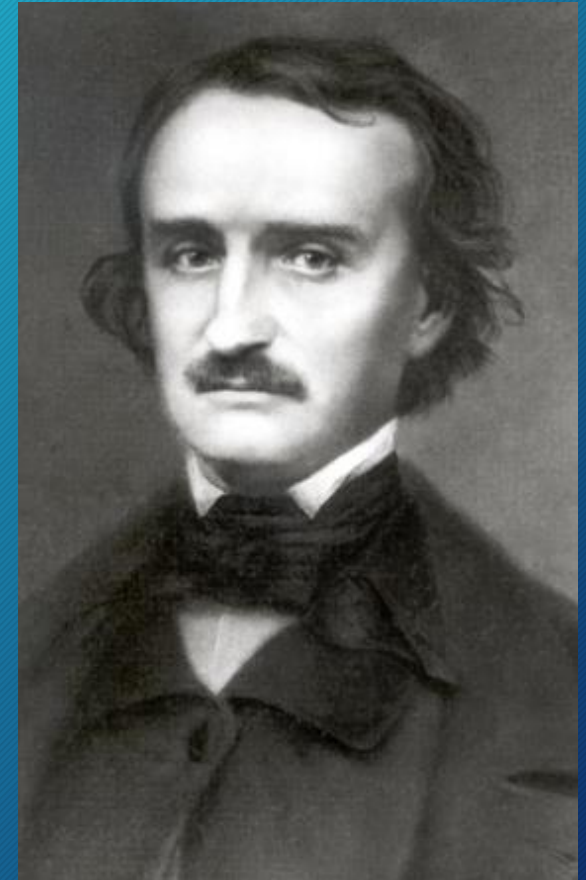


Edgar Allan Poe

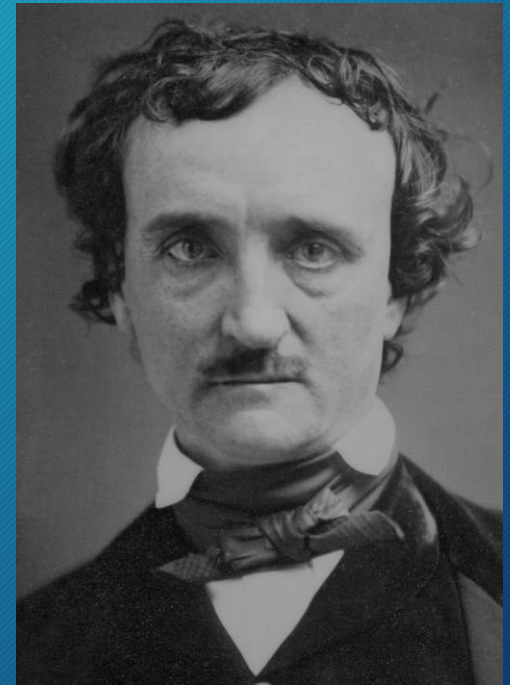
Who is Edgar Allan Poe?

- 1809-1849
- From Richmond, Virginia
- Versatile writer: short stories, poetry, a novel, a textbook, scientific theory, essays and hundreds of book reviews.
- Famous for gothic fiction
- Inventor of the modern detective story
- Innovator in science fiction
- America's first great literary critic



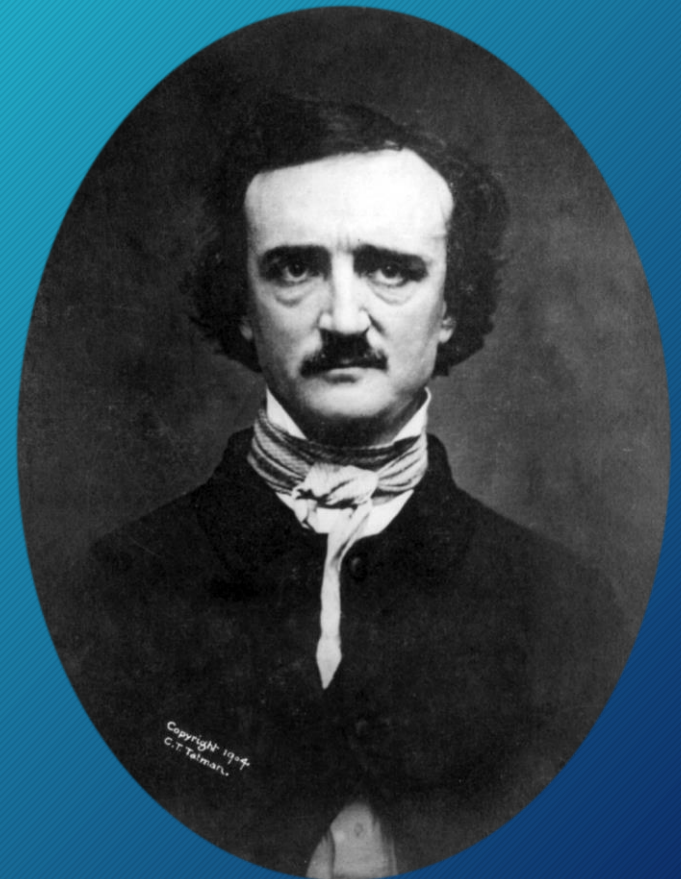
Poe the Man

- Poor for most of his life
- At 27 he married his cousin who was 13
- Mother, brother, foster mother, and wife died of tuberculosis
- During his travels, he stopped in Baltimore, Maryland
 - Went missing for five days
 - Sent to a hospital where he died
 - Last days of his life spent far from home
 - Cause of Poe's death remains a mystery



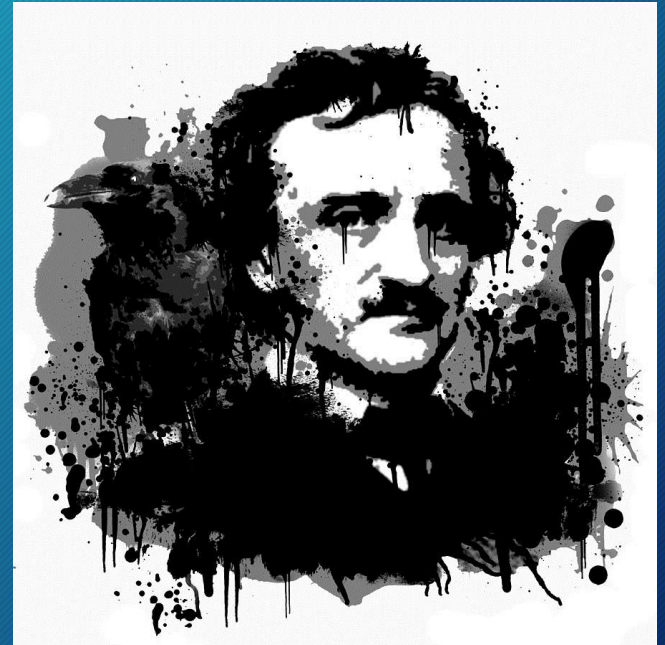
Poe the Man

- 5' 8" Approximately 135 pounds
- A reporter wrote, "Mr. Poe is a small, thin man, slightly formed, keen visaged, with a dark complexion, dark hair, and we believe dark eyes. His face is not an ordinary one. The forehead is well developed, and the nose somewhat more prominent than usual."



Poe the Writer

- “Terror...is of the soul.” -Poe
- Bizarre characters and the macabre (disturbing depictions of death & injury)
- Masterful writer of American gothic fiction



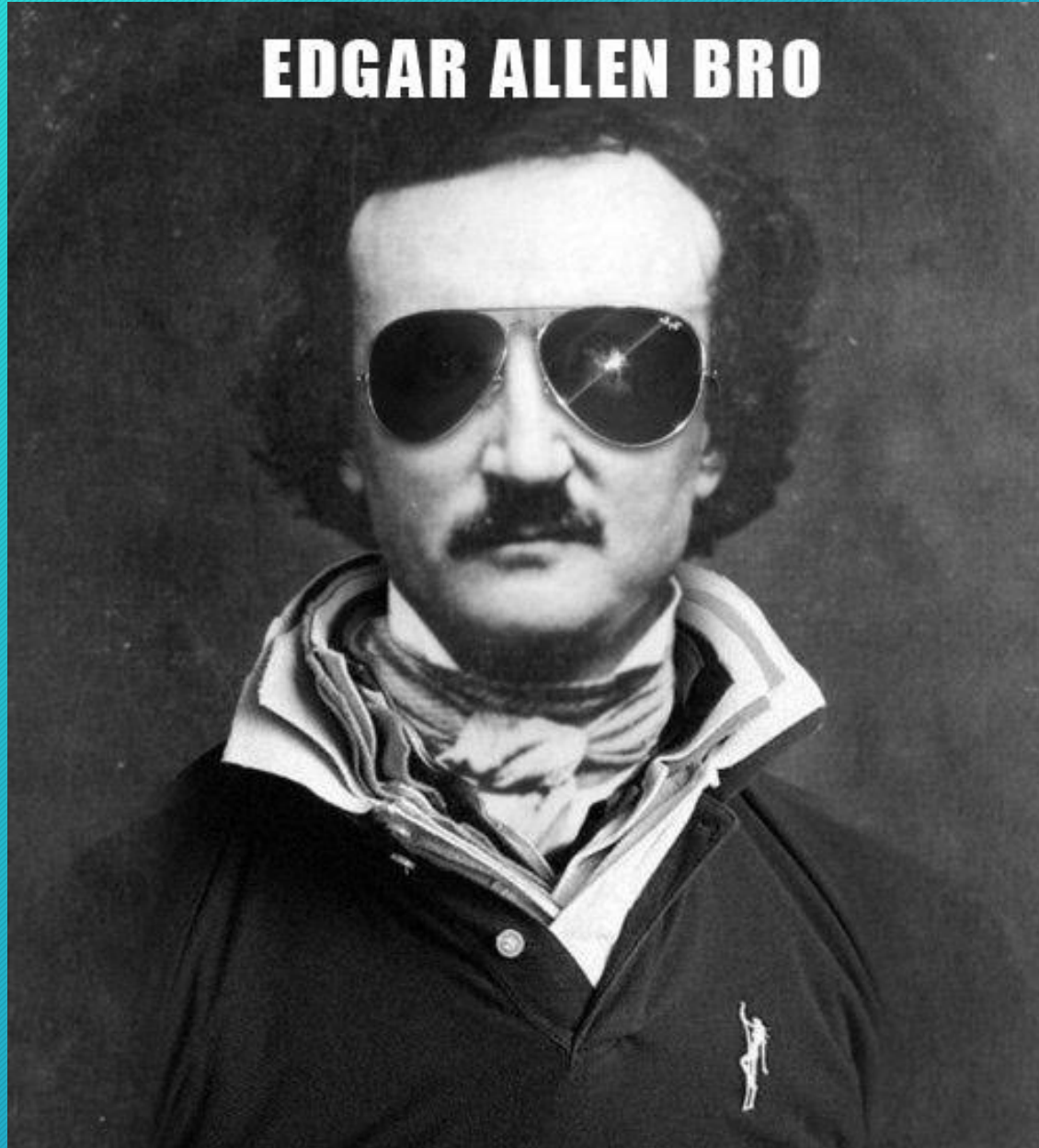
What writers said about Poe...

- “Edgar Poe is the most original American genius.”
~Alfred, Lord Tennyson, British poet
- “The prince of American Literature.” ~Victor Hugo
- “What a strange, though enormously talented writer, that Edgar Poe!” ~Fyodor M. Dostoevsky, Russian writer
- “You might call him the Leader of the Cult of the Unusual.” ~Jules Verne (*Journey to the Center of the Earth, Around the World in Eighty Days*)

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- “Poe is the supreme short story writer of all time.”
~Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (*Sherlock Holmes*)
- “Where was the detective story before Poe breathed the breath of life into it?” ~Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- “It’s because I liked Edgar Allan Poe’s stories so much that I began to make suspense films.” ~Alfred Hitchcock

EDGAR ALLEN BRO



Annotate

Mental instability

Sensory detail