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The Tell Tale Heart Quiz

1. What had the madness done for the narrator's senses?

- sharpened them
- destroyed them
- dulled them
- nothing of note

2. What was the reason that the narrator killed the old man?

- his gold
- his eye
- he insulted the narrator
- his house

3. During the week before the narrator killed the old man, how did he act towards him?

- it never says
- cruel
- kind
- indifferent

4. How long did it take the narrator to place his head into the door so that he could see the old man?

- a half hour
- an hour
- 45 minutes
- an hour and a half

5. For how many nights did the narrator look in upon the old man?

- 5
- 7
- 6
- 8

6. Why couldn't the narrator kill the old man on the first night?

- there was someone else in the house
- the old man wasn't asleep by midnight on the first night
- he didn't have the courage on the first night
- the eye was closed

7. What did the narrator do by accident-as a result waking the old man?

- he sneezed
- his thumb slipped on the lantern
- he slipped and fell
- he coughed

8. What did the old man cry out when awakened?

- "Who's there?"
- "Is anyone there?"
- "What was that?"
- "Who is it?"

9. What was the low, dull, quick sound that the narrator heard?

- his own heartbeat
- the old man's heartbeat
- his watch
- the clock

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10. The beating grew louder—what was the new anxiety that seized the narrator at this point?

- someone coming in the house to investigate the noise
- the sound being heard by neighbors
- the noise waking up the old man
- there was no anxiety at this time

11. How many times did the old man shriek?

- three times
- twice
- once
- none

12. After the old man was dead, what was the first thing the narrator did to conceal the body?

- buried it beneath the floor
- dismembered it
- hid it in the closet
- threw it out

13. What was the next thing he did to conceal the body?

- threw it out
- buried it beneath the floor
- buried it outside
- burned it

14. Why were the police sent to the house?

- someone had seen the narrator
- a shriek was heard
- an argument was heard
- a gunshot was heard

What do you think led the narrator to confession...the sound of the old man's heartbeat, the sound of his own heartbeat, guilt, paranoia, or madness? Defend your claim. 15 pts.
