Summer Assignment on

The short stories of Edgar Allan Poe

AP Language and Composition

*Please read all instructions **carefully**; the completed assignment on **one** of the given Poe stories is **DUE** Tuesday, July 30th, 2024 (the first **full** week of school). This assignment is **mandatory** for all AP Lang and Comp students.
[Any questions regarding the assignment can be directed to lcook@bfcsaz.com]

Required Texts: **all by Edgar Allan Poe**
"The Murders in the Rue Morgue" (1841)
"The Purloined Letter" (1845)
The Black Cat" (1845)

SCAN —> to access pdf versions of texts on Mrs. Cook's Website

For **each** story:

- Read and annotate the entire text, focusing ***specifically*** on Poe's overall **message/meaning** conveyed in the story and the **rhetorical choices*** he makes in order to convey that message/meaning to his readers.

***rhetoric** is the art of effective or persuasive speaking/writing, especially the use of figures of speech and other writing techniques. THINK the power of *words*!
***rhetorical choices** refer to literally ANYTHING the author does in the text to create/convey meaning; these can be specific literary/figurative devices, such as **repetition, hyperbole, metaphor, simile, allusion**, **etc.** but they do not need to be a specific literary device.

Final **Assignment** to be submitted in class on **Tuesday, July 30th**:

- Choose **one** of the three stories to complete either a **poster** or Google slide **presentation** in which you include the following information:
  - ➢ Title and author of the story
  - ➢ Author's overall **message** conveyed in the story
  - ➢ A minimum of **4** rhetorical choices made throughout the story in order to convey the overall message; include specific textual evidence for each choice and clearly explain the **effect** of each choice.
  - ➢ Poster/presentation must be visually appealing: clear, legible font(s) and well chosen organization, text colors, backgrounds, and images (when appropriate).

*If submitting a Google slide **presentation**, it must be sent to lcook@bfcsaz.com before the **start** of class on Tuesday, **July 30th, 2024**.