

DAILY PRIMER

**TELL THE STORY OF A TIME THAT YOU
WERE FRIGHTENED FOR NO REAL REASON.**

**HOW MUCH OF YOUR FEAR WAS A RESULT OF YOUR OWN
IMAGINATION?**

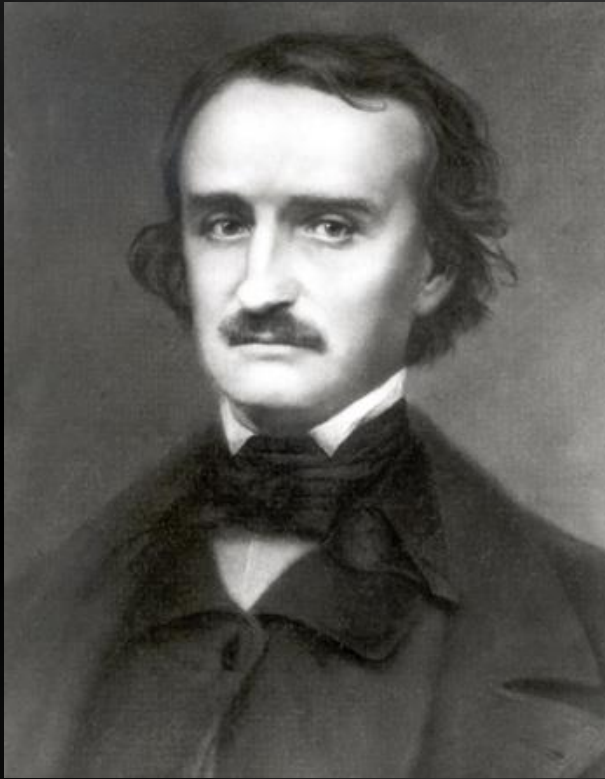
AMERICAN GOTHIC

AUTHORS

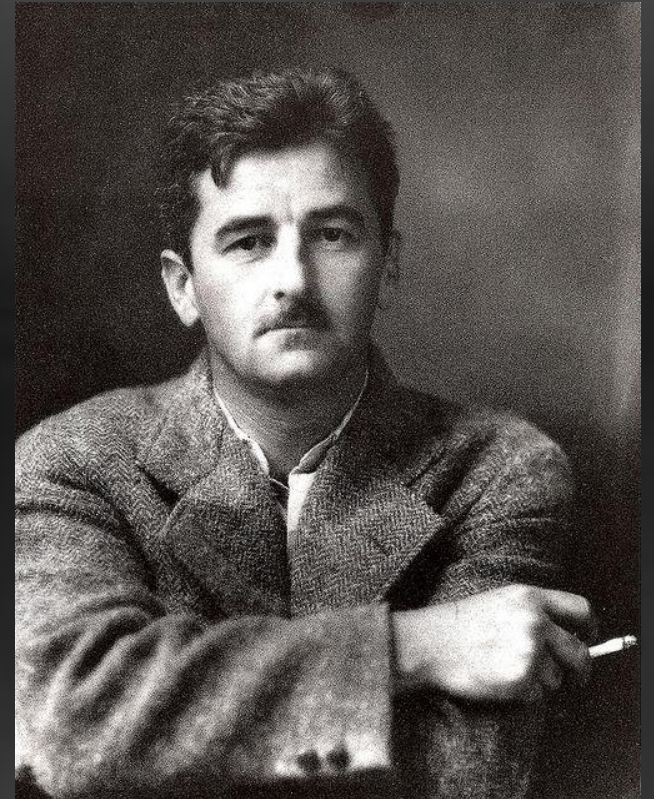
Shirley Jackson
(1916–1965)



Edgar Allan Poe
(1809–1848)



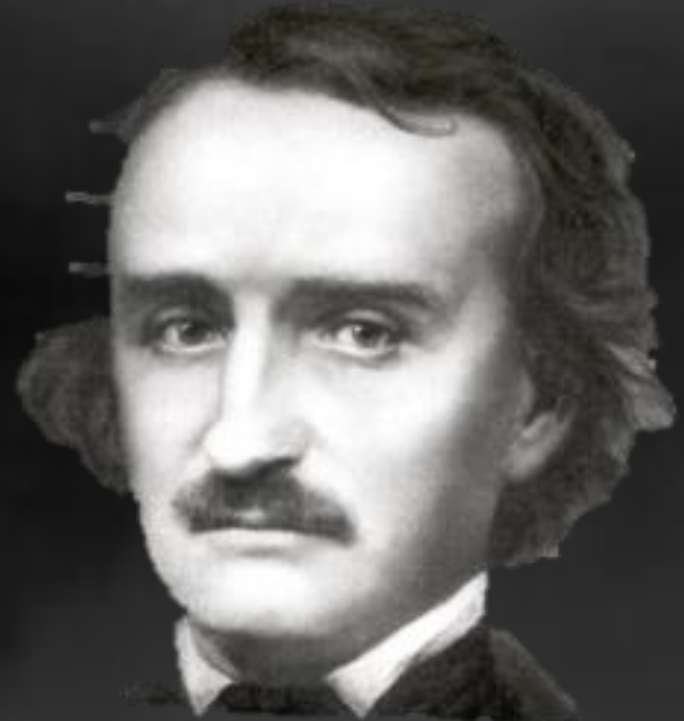
William Faulkner
(1897–1962)



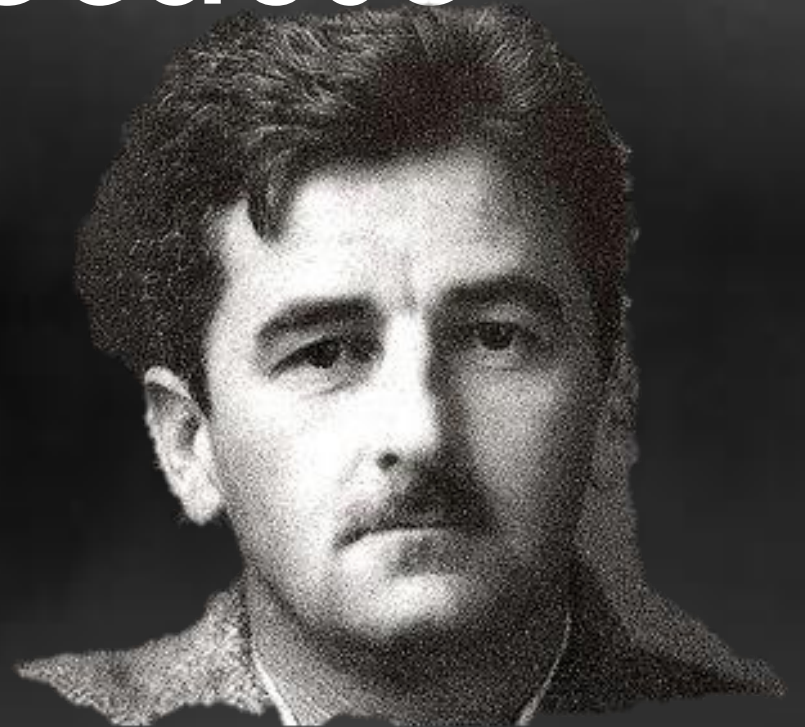
GUESS WHO???

American Gothic Author Edition

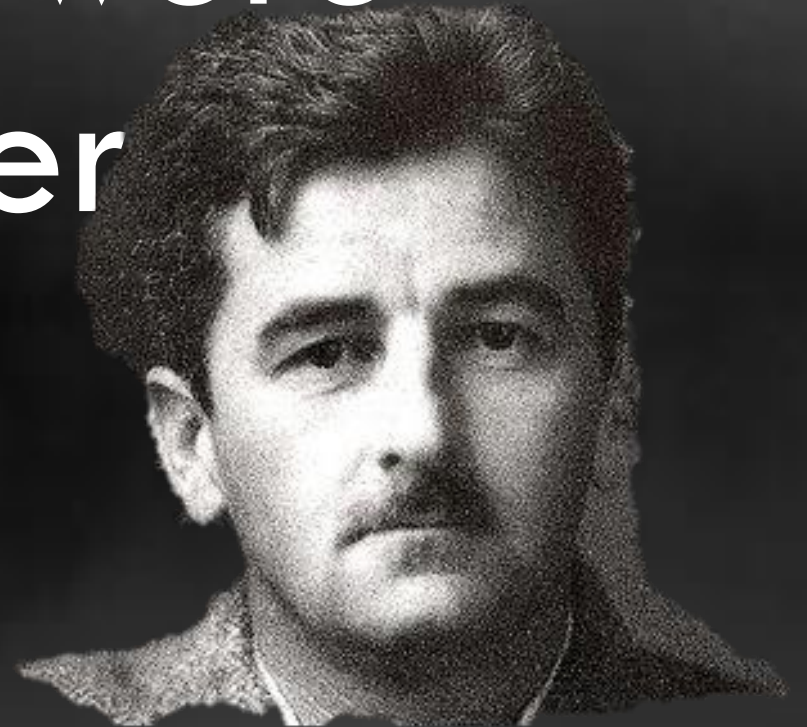
Inspired the name of the
NFL team the Baltimore
Ravens.



Rejected from joining
U.S. Military because
too short



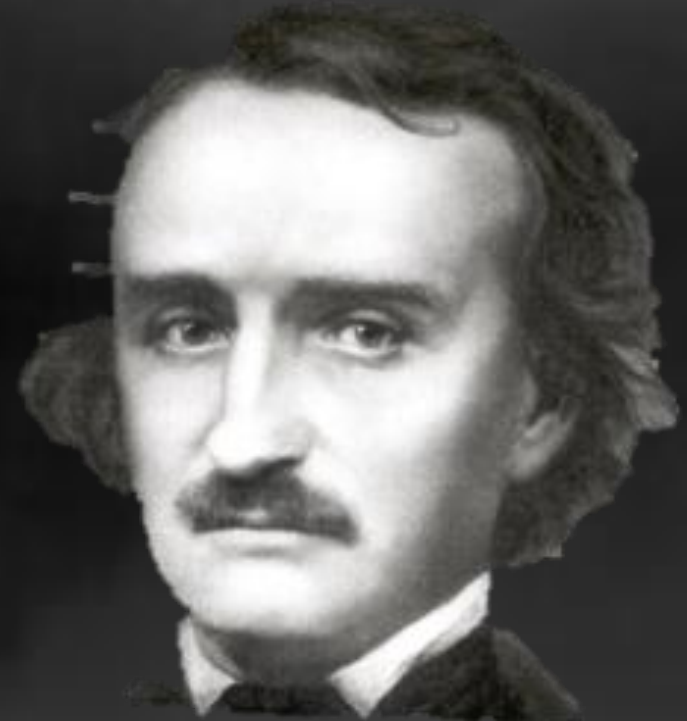
Only Christmas gift he
would accept were
pipe-cleaner



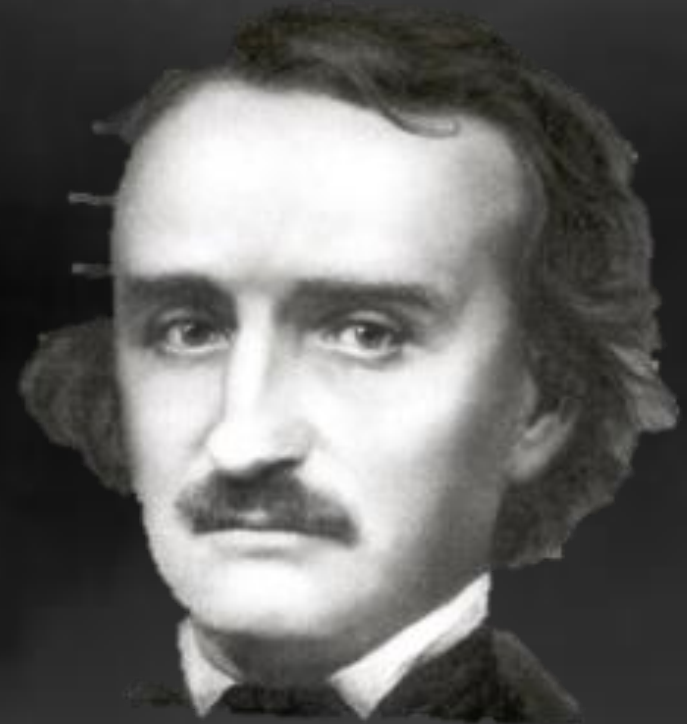
Suffered from
agoraphobia (the fear
of going outside or of
public places)



Thrown out of college
for gambling debts



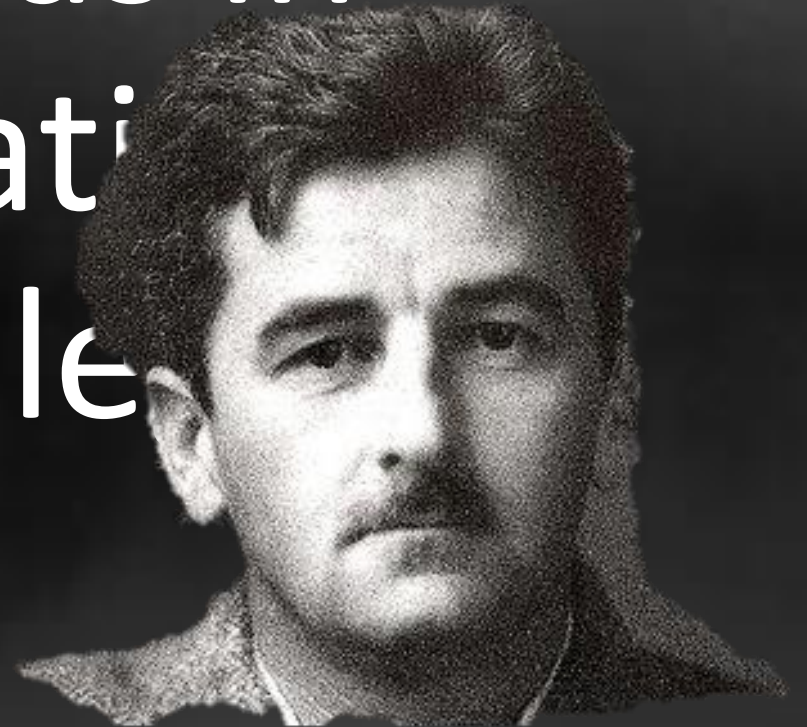
Married 13 year old
cousin



Now has a Netflix series
based on book *The
Haunting of Hill House*



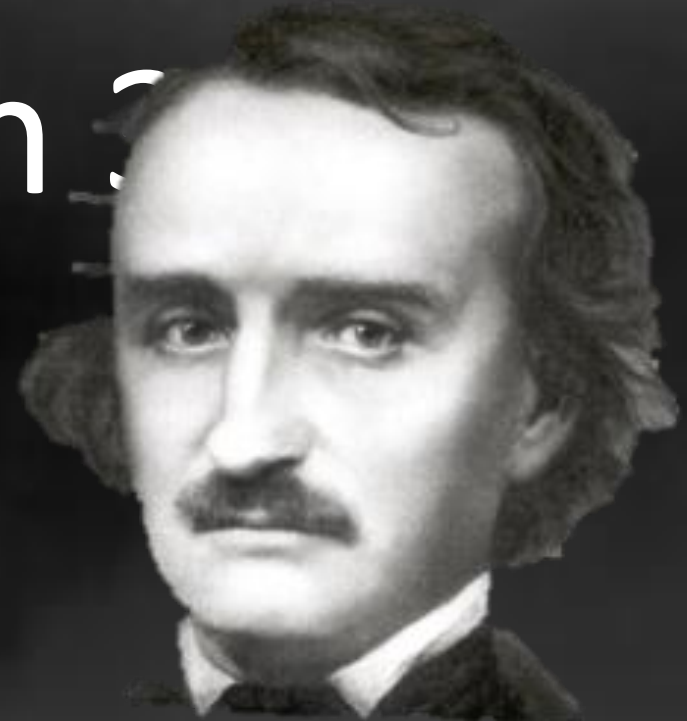
Dropped out of high school and was in “special education” classes in college



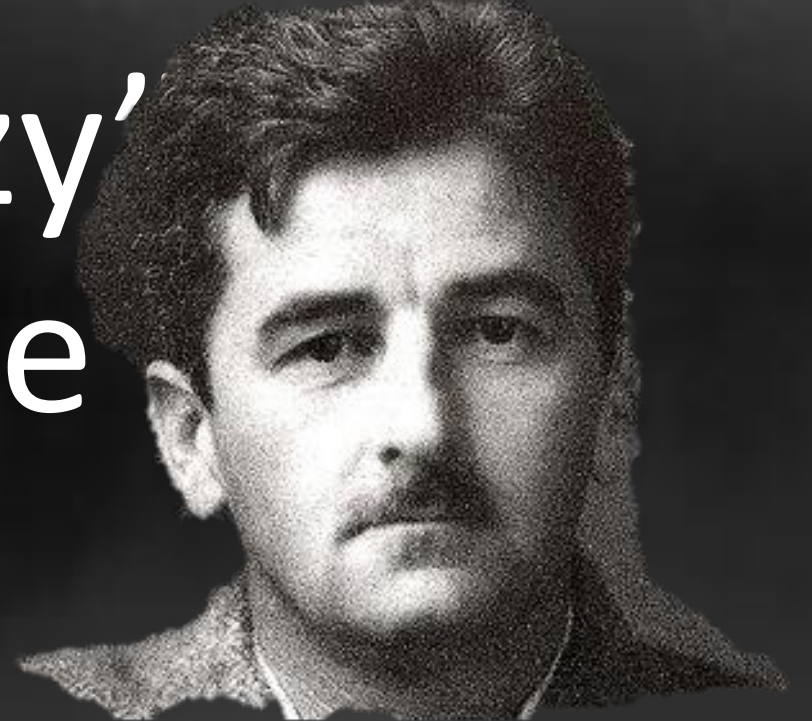
Believed in white and
black magic



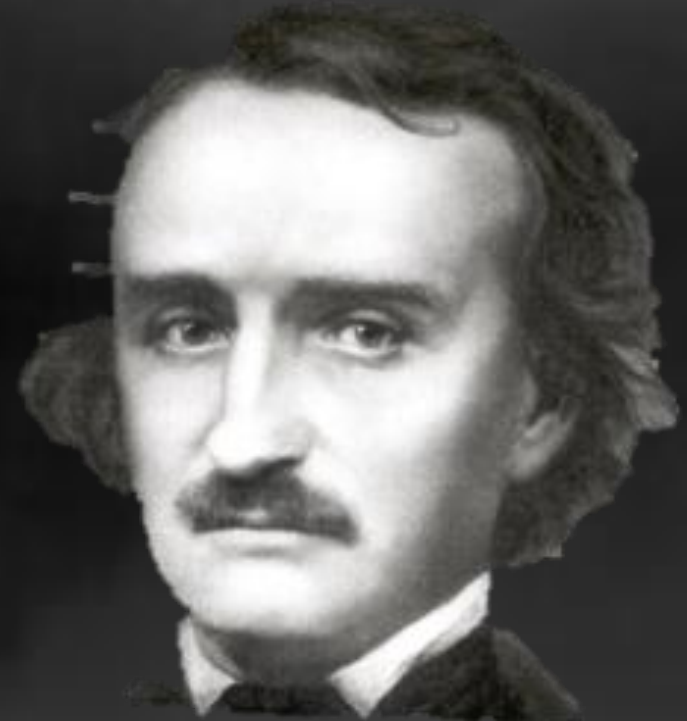
Abandoned by father as
an infant and mother
died when 3



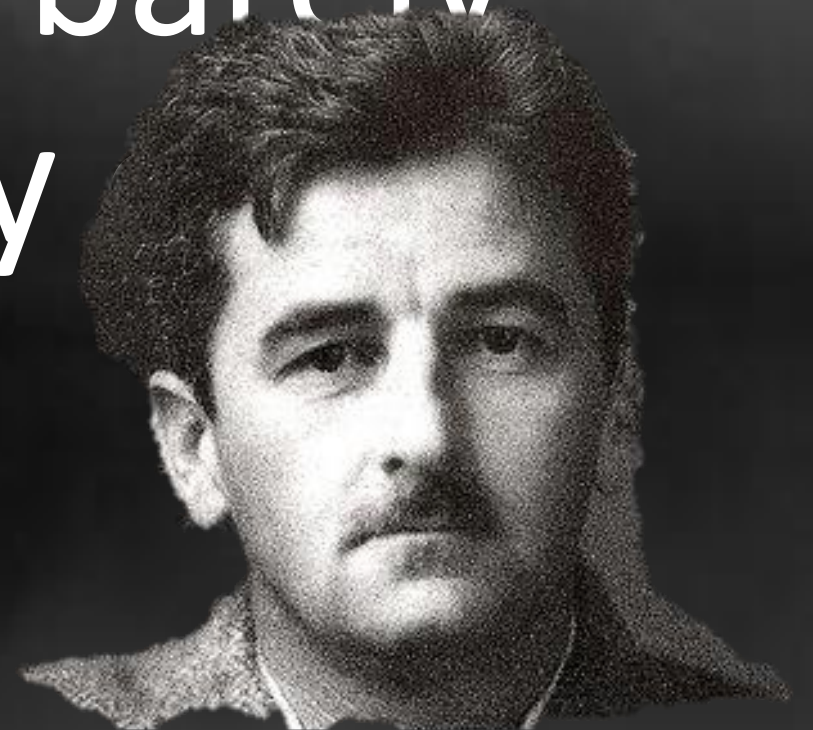
Worked at a post office
and bosses considered
this person “lazy”
“inattentive”



Work was wildly
popular from the start



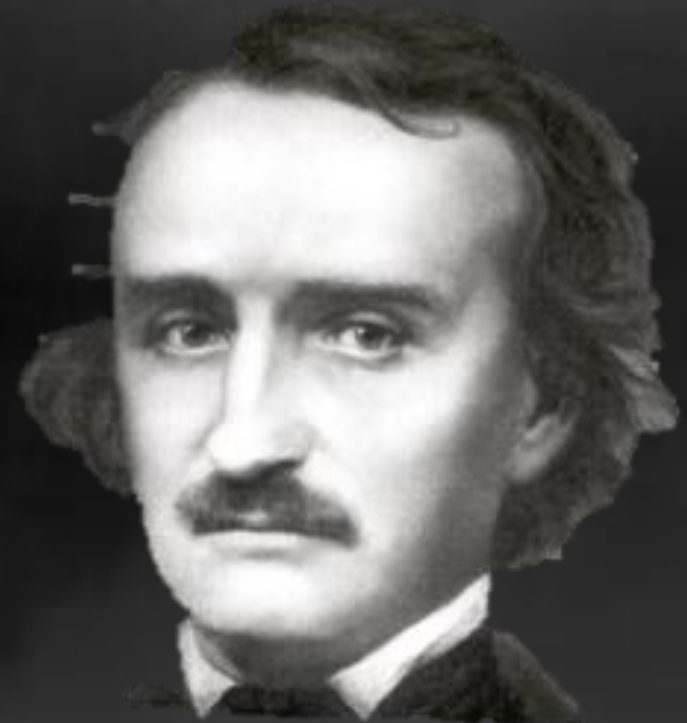
Writings not popular at
the time—could barely
support family
earnings



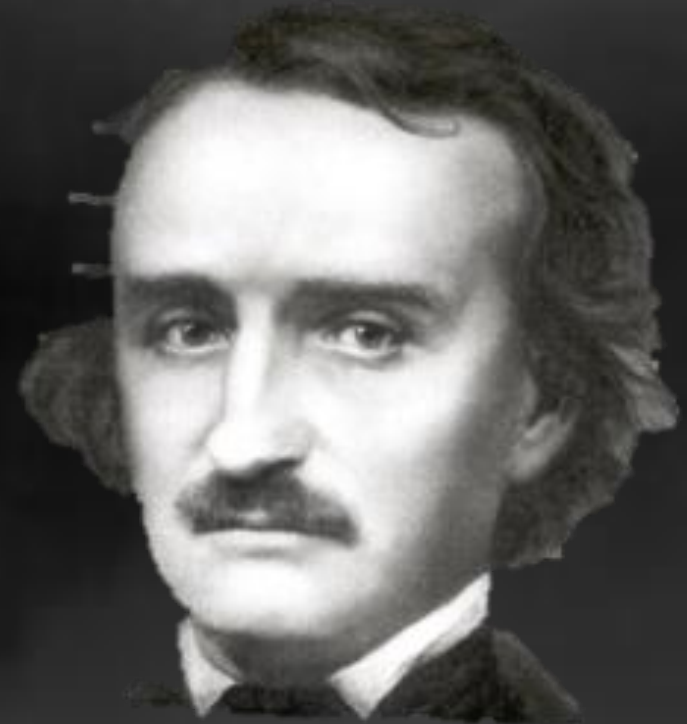
Parents were faith
healers and anti-
Semitics



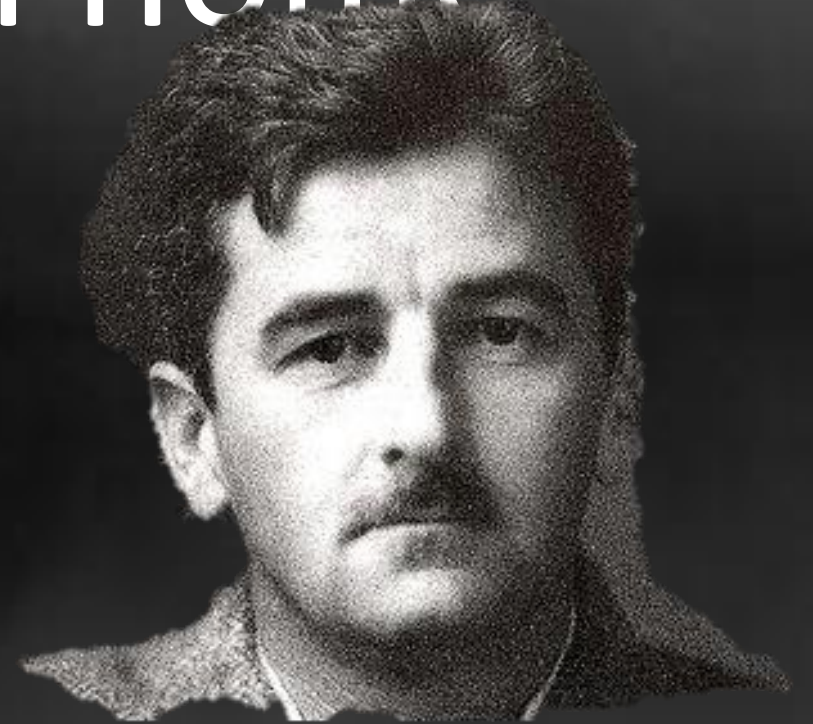
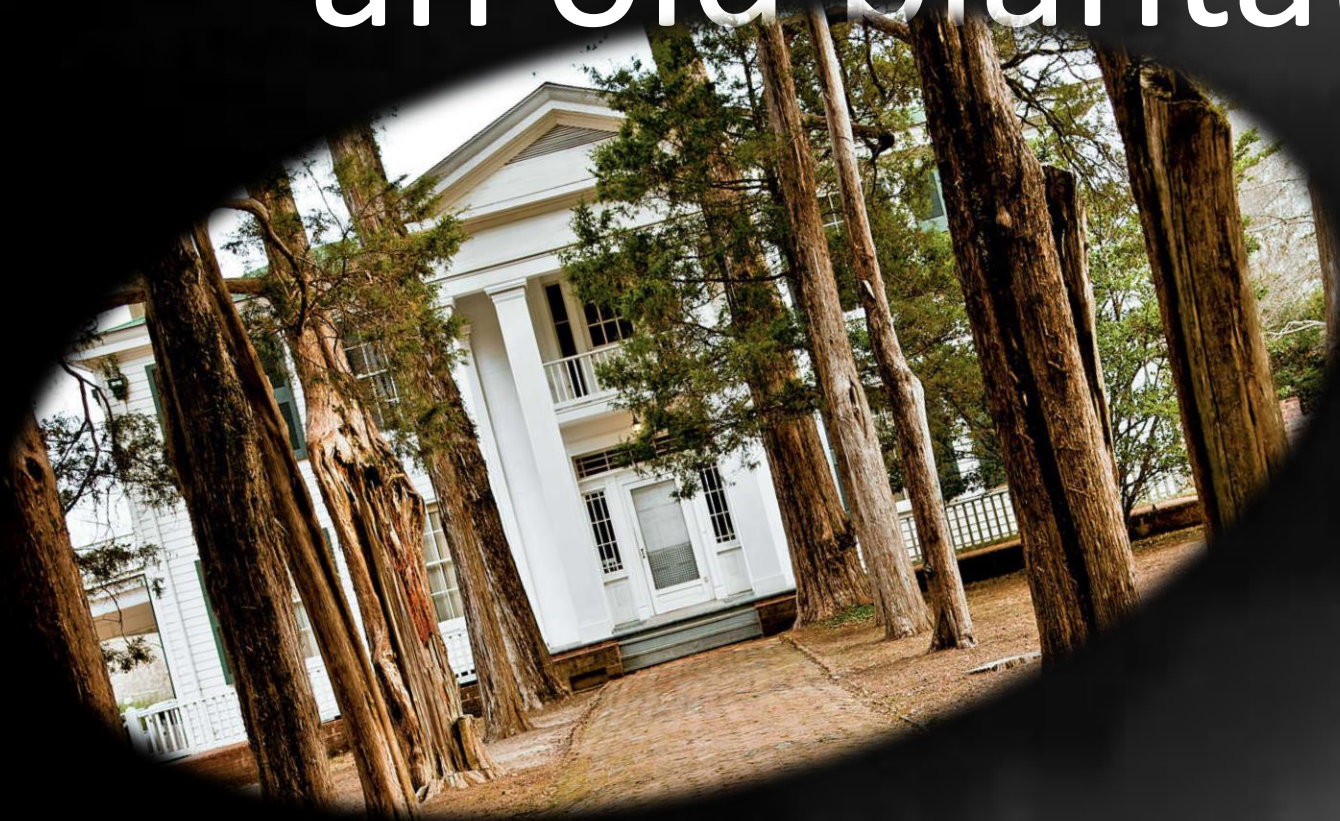
Briefly wrote a gossip
column



Invented the detective
story



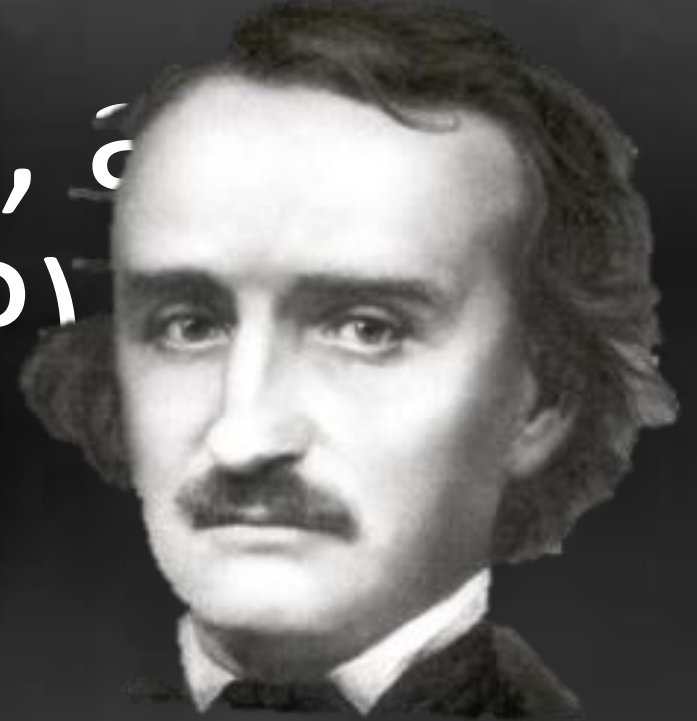
Spent years remodeling
an old plantation home



Died of heart failure
due to smoking and
weight issues



Died mysteriously
(theories include alcohol
poisoning, rabies, and
brain lesions?)





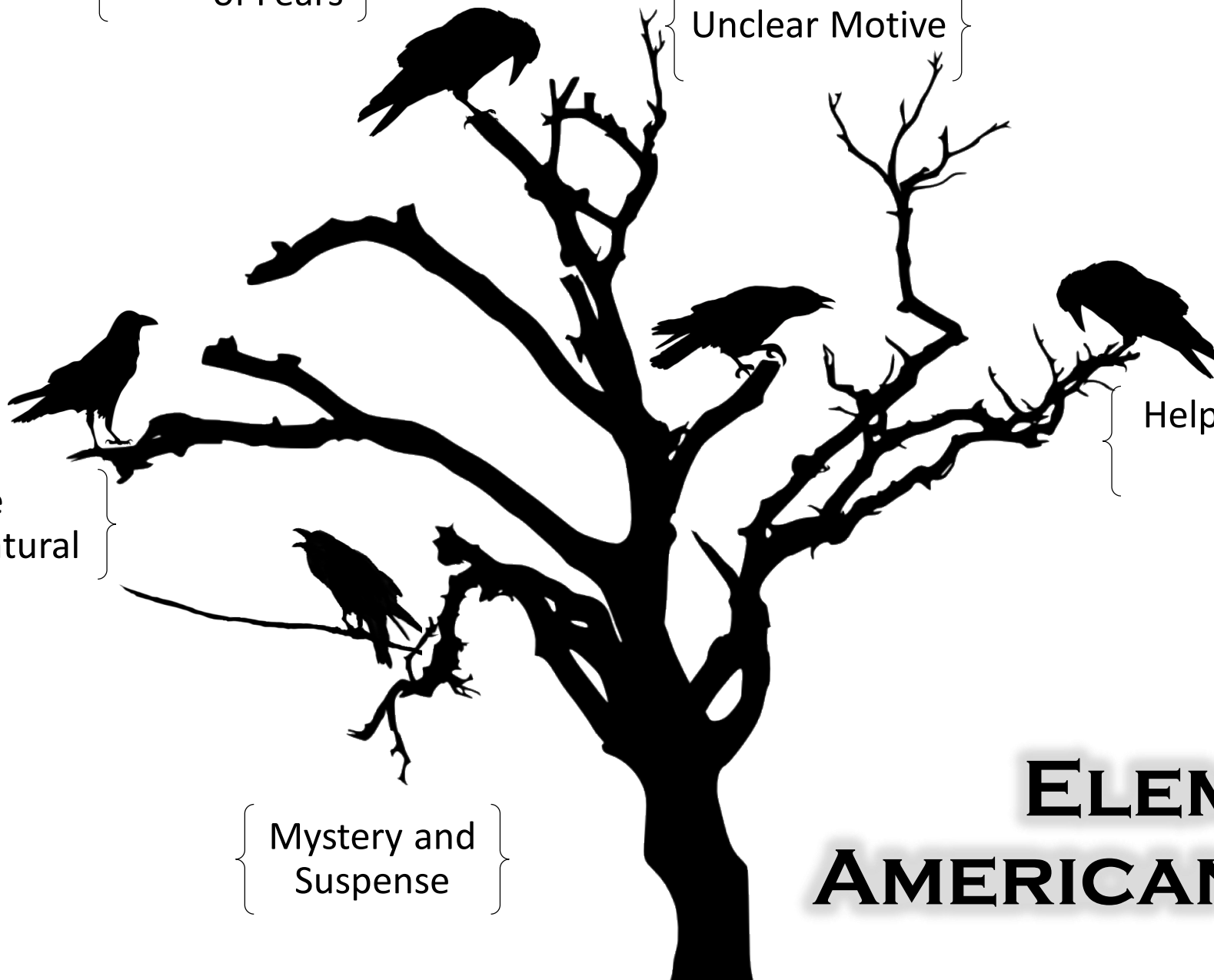
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Manipulation
of Fears

Unclear Motive



Exaggeration



The
Supernatural

Helplessness of
Character

Mystery and
Suspense

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- Manipulation of Fears
 - Physical
 - Emotional
 - Psychological
- Helplessness of the Character
 - Circumstances beyond character's control
- Exaggeration
 - Used to horrify the reader
- The Supernatural
 - Ghosts
 - Monsters
- Unclear Motive
 - Real or imagined?
 - Hidden
 - Insanity
 - Unexplained
- Dark Setting
 - Gloomy
 - Deteriorated
- Mystery/Suspense
 - The unknown
 - The unexpected
 - The unexplained
 - Excites imagination