

Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849)

- 1810: Father abandons family.
- 1811: Mother dies of consumption (tuberculosis).
- 1835/6: Poe marries his thirteen-year-old cousin, Virginia Clemm.
- 1842: Wife Virginia bleeds from the mouth, a sign of consumption (tuberculosis).
- 1842/3: “The Pit and Pendulum”
- 1845: “The Raven” (nationally famous); “The Purloined Letter”
- 1846: “The Cask of Amontillado”
- 1847: Wife Virginia dies of consumption (tuberculosis).
- 1848: Poe tries to commit suicide.
- 1849: Poe becomes engaged to Sarah Elmira Royster. On his way to Richmond, he vanishes for a week, reappears in Baltimore, delirious and drunk in someone else’s clothes, and dies of a fever. “Annabel Lee” and “The Bells” are published after his death.

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