# The Life and Times of EA Poe

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| 1809 | Poe is born in Boston to actors. |
| 1811 | Poe’s mother dies of TB and he lives in Richmond, VA, with the adoptive Allen family. |
| 1826 | Poe goes to college, but drops out because his “father” quit giving him money and Poe gambled. |
| 1827 | Poe joins the army and publishes his first poetry, anonymously. |
| 1830 | Poe’s adoptive mom died. He gets kicked out of West Point and goes to live with his aunt in Baltimore, Mass. |
| 1836 | Poe gets married to his 13 year old cousin, Virginia, when he’s 27 years old. |
| 1838 | Poe publishes his first book of fiction. He is unpopular because he’s too critical. |
| 1845 | Poe is famous because of “The Raven.” |
| 1847 | Poe loses his wife to TB, gets depressed, and drinks himself crazy. |
| 1849 | Poe dies mysteriously. Rabies? Schizophrenia? Diabetes? |

Author’s Craft or Skill—why he’s an expert writer

* Interruptions show a sense of agitation or passion.
* Repetition emphasizes feelings and ideas.
* 1st person point-of-view makes you feel more involved in the story.
* Rhythm is created by internal rhyme.

These techniques created SUSPENSE!

* Feeling on the edge of your seat
* Increased excitement
* Building strong feelings
* Suspense is not a synonym with scary. You can’t wait for the two lovers to kiss, for instance!
* How do we create suspense?

# FORESHADOWING

* The use of clues to hint at future events
* The purpose is to help the reader predict what will happen next.
* A character makes an unusual statement or issues a warning
* Details describe actions, characters, or setting.