

The Cask of Amantialdo - Discussion Questions

Comprehension

1. Why does Montresor vow revenge upon Fortunato?
2. How does Montresor proceed to coax Fortunato into following him?
3. Where do Montresor and Fortunato go together?
4. How does Montresor kill Fortunato?

Inference

1. What do you think Montresor means when he says to Fortunato that “You are rich, respected, admired, beloved; you are happy, as once I was?” (200).
2. Do you believe Montresor when he says that he has been wronged by Fortunato? Is he a reliable narrator?
 - Give 2 examples to support your claim.

Romanticism

1. What characteristics of Poe’s story could be considered Romantic? Cite at least two examples.

Analysis

1. Montresor is a classic monomaniac – someone who can only focus on one thing. Discuss what you think Poe is telling us about monomania.