

“The Pit and the Pendulum” Projects

Select a project from the following choices. You will need to do some additional research regardless of the project selected.

Talk Show Assignment

You and your partner will become a talk show host and the unfortunate narrator of "The Pit and the Pendulum." Making an imaginary time travel leap, one of you will become a talk show host who interviews the narrator just hours after he has been rescued from his horrendous experience. The talk show host must come up with at least twenty questions while the narrator comes up with at least 20 answers that detail the events of the story beginning with the trial, the narrator's emotional state, and the significance of the story's Spanish Inquisition setting.

Talk Show Assignment II

You and your partner will be a talk show host and Edgar Allan Poe. This project will focus on the symbolism in the story and characterization. Poe will explain the symbols he used in "The Pit and the Pendulum," why he chose these symbols, and how those symbols came to him as a result of experiences in his own life. He will also explain the development of his main character and give us insight into what main characteristics his character has. The talk show host must come up with at least twenty questions while the narrator comes up with at least 20 answers that detail information on symbolism and characterization.

Video

You and your group will film a scene from the Pit and the Pendulum. This scene should remain faithful to Poe's original text; however, you will be responsible for bringing this text to life in an original way—costumes, set, etc. are up to you. You are also responsible for creating a script for this scene. You will need to include scene descriptions, character descriptions, blocking choices, etc.

PowerPoint Presentation

You and your partner will create a PowerPoint presentation that details the main elements of "The Pit and the Pendulum." You should cover theme, plot, setting, and conflict. You should also give background information on The Spanish Inquisition. Make sure you create note cards for your presentation and follow the 7x7 rule with your slides. You should NOT read off your PowerPoint. Use the NOTES on your note cards. Read "How to Create an Effective PowerPoint" on swicks.weebly.com and follow the rules from this document.