The Tell Tale Heart

by Edgar Allan Poe

The short story *The Tell Tale Heart* takes place around ____________ evidenced by: ________________, ________________, ________________, & _________________. The story is told in ________________ point of view, and its tone seems ________________ & _________________.

The protagonist is the ________________ who claims from the beginning that he is not “________.” He’s referring to not ________________ rather than not being angry. The main conflict in this story is (circle one) internal or external. The main overall conflict in this story is ________________ vs. ________________, which is a character vs. ________________ conflict. The protagonist of the story is ________________ while the antagonist is ________________.

In the story the narrator is telling us the story of how he set about to __________ the old man because of his __________. It takes him several nights of peeking into the old man’s chambers to actually complete his task. He’s not motivated because the man is ________________, which means he cannot see the _______. Finally, he makes a noise which causes the old man to stir and then completely wake, which exposes the ________, thus giving the narrator the push to __________ the old man. The narrator __________ the body and __________ in the floor boards. Eventually the ________________ arrive as they have been alerted of the chance of foul play because of a scream. The narrator is cock arrogant and thinks they’ll never find the remains as he has meticulously hid them, but his ________________ breaks through as he believes he hears the old man’s heart beating and fear of discovery drives him to confess to the crime.

The beating of the heart symbolizes ________________. The moral in the story *The Tell Tale Heart* is that your ________________ conscious follow you.

During the exposition of this story, we learn about the setting and narrator, but we also learn that the ________________ ________________ is the narrator’s declaration that he has decided to _________________. The point of highest tension or ________________ of this story is when the narrator _________________. The main overall conflict is resolved when the ________ discover _________________.
