

INVESTICE DO ROZVOJE VZDĚLÁVÁNÍ

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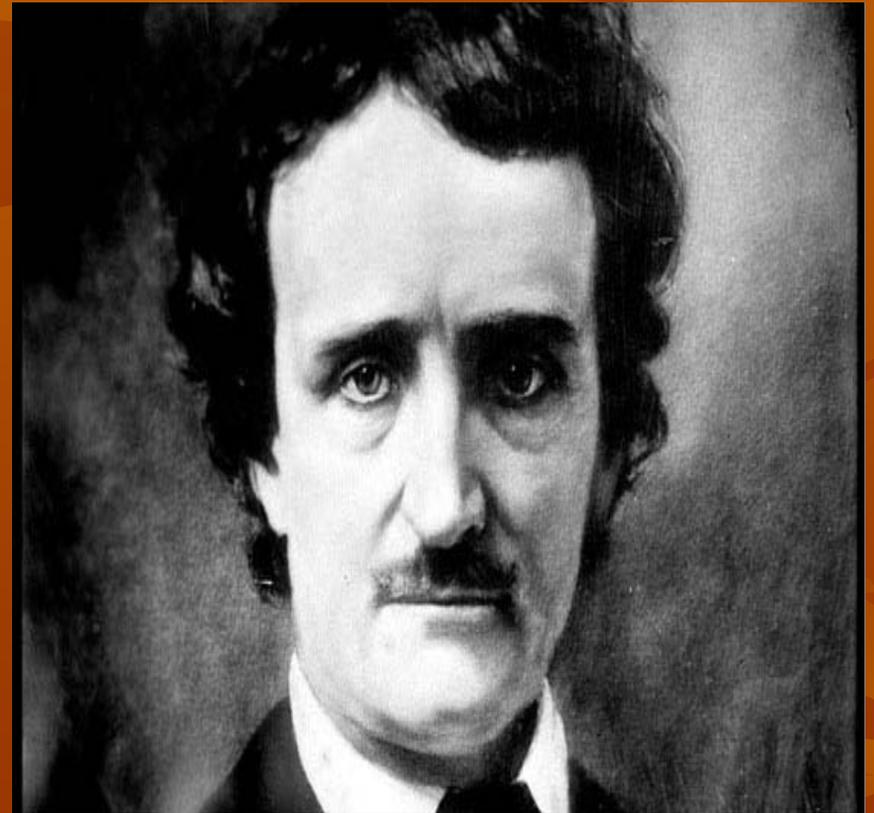
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# EDGAR ALLAN POE

*Edgar A Poe*

- Writer of the American Romantic movement
- Inventor of the detective genre
- His stories are full of mystery, horror and fantasy
- The first American writer who tried to earn living by writing



# EARLY LIFE

- **Edgar Allan Poe** was born on 19 January 1809 as Edgar Poe in Boston
- His parents died when he was just a little boy, so he was taken by a prominent family the Allans from Richmond, but the adoption was never formally signed, which caused that Poe felt he hadn't belonged anywhere
- He studied the University of Virginia but only for one semester, he preferred spending time gambling and drinking, so he was early without money and had to leave

# ADULT LIFE

- He enlisted in the Army but failed as an officer's cadet at West Point, later Poe left the Allans. His publishing career began with an anonymous collection of poems, *Tamerlane and Other Poems*(1827).
- But he found out to be a better prose writer and spent some years working for literary journals when he became famous for his own literary criticism. In that time he lived in Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York City.

# PRIVATE LIFE

- When Poe was 26 and he secretly married his passionate love 13-year-old cousin Virginia Clemm.
- He worked as an editor and critic in various magazines and journals but he had again problems with drinking.
- 1842 Virginia fell ill with tuberculosis and she did never completely recovered. Poe began to drink more heavily.
- She died in freezing weather in a miserable cottage with Poe's coat over her.



# RAVEN

Illustration by French impressionist Édouard Manet



- In 1845 his poem The Raven appeared in the Evening Mirror and brought Poe sensational popularity in spite of this he was paid just 9 dollars. The topic of the death of a beautiful woman reflected the real loss of women during his life, mainly his wife.

- The Raven is a narrative poem famous not only for the story but for its musicality too. It tells about a mysterious visit of a raven in a room where a student cries about the loss of his love Lenore and it seems that this man slowly falls into madness because of raven's constant repetition of "nevermore"

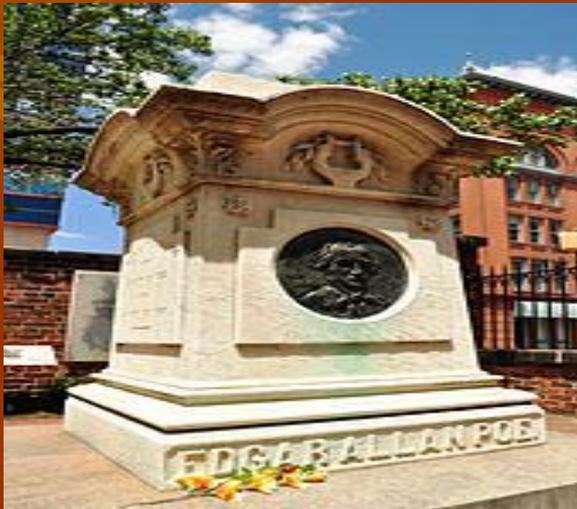


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# LAST YEARS



- Poe spent the last few years in this cottage known as “Poe cottage” in the Bronx, New York. He tried to court other women but it usually failed because of his drinking. In 1849 he was found in Baltimore delirious and he died 3 days later on 7 October 1849. The cause of his death remains uncertain, he is buried in Baltimore.



# STORIES

- Charles Baudelaire acquainted Europe with the Poe's work, he said about Poe that he had been like a prisoner in the USA and he had lived his life to escape from this terrible atmosphere.
- Poe is an inventor of a detective and horror story. He often uses a theme of death. He creates the unreal characters living in unreal worlds, using his love, passion, feelings, hatred, sadness. Reading the stories a reader must use his own fantasy and imagine such a world, which could have been difficult in Poe's time.

# FAMOUS STORIES

- The Black Cat
- The Fall of the House of Usher
- The Masque of the Red Death
- The Murders in the Rue Morque
- THE PIT AND THE PENDULUM

# THE PIT AND THE PENDULUM

- It is a short story published in 1842 about a prisoner who is sentenced to death and we can follow his description of a prison which is built to torture him. The story is really focused on human senses.

