

# Spotlight Guide 2020 - 2021

## Poe: Deep Into That Darkness Peering

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This deliciously dark and compelling drama is about one of America's most haunting poets, Edgar Allan Poe. The play opens on the night before his untimely death as Poe undertakes a desperate wager to save his life. He must unravel an intricate puzzle that draws him into the macabre dreamland of his own stories and poems. Enjoy a riveting tour de force performance with a twisted ending you never saw coming.

## Lesson Plan and Activities

### Page to Stage Lesson Plan

In this lesson, students will read and analyze an excerpt from Edgar Allan Poe's *Annabelle Lee* using the included handouts.

### Spectrum of Difference

Answer questions about the themes of the show by making a mark on the line between disagree and agree. The closer you are to either side, the more certain you are. Have friends and family also make marks.

### Write a Review

After seeing the production, have each student write a review of Orlando Shakes' production of *Poe: Deep Into That Darkness Peering*.

### Discussion & Themes

What is the role of Symbolism, Idealization and Madness in the story?

See the full study guide for expanded lesson plan and activities.

## Florida Standards

LAFS.910.RL.1: Key Ideas and Details  
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LAFS.1112.SL.1: Comprehension and Collaboration  
LAFS.910.W.1: Text Types and Purposes  
LAFS.1112.RL.1: Key Ideas and Details  
LAFS.910.RL.3: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas  
TH.912.F.2: Careers in and related to the arts  
TH.68.S.1: The arts are inherently experiential.



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Mild Language, Alcohol, Frightening Content

Most appropriate for Grade 8 and up. Children under 5 will not be admitted to the theater.