**Study questions for 22i:**

**1.Why does the narrator kill the old man?**

· How does he describe his eye?

· What makes it evil to him and why?

· What do you associate with the images he uses to describe the eye?

**2. Read out the passage on p. 155, l.43 - p. 156, l. 12.**

· What do the narrator and the old man have in common?

· Find other examples in the text where the narrator identifies or even confuses himself with the old man.

· What is the pun effect of the word "eye". (Pay attention to the pronunciation rather than the spelling.)

· What is the author’s point?

**3. The narrator repeatedly calls his victim "the old man".**

· Why is his old age so important?

**4. Make a list of examples from the text in which the narrator identifies with**

· God

· Time

· Death

What do these identifications suggest about the narrator and the nature of the murder?

What kind of narrator are we dealing with?

**5. Explain what happens at the end of the story?**

**7. Why is it called "The Tell-Tale Heart"?**

**8. What are the themes and the message of the story?**