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Directions: Read the following poem. Pay close attention to the rhyme scheme. Answer the following questions below about the poem in complete sentences. (3 points each). \_\_\_\_/18

## Annabel Lee

By Edgar Allan Poe

It was many and many a year ago,  
In a kingdom by the sea,  
That a maiden there lived whom you may know  
By the name of Annabel Lee;  
And this maiden she lived with no other thought  
Than to love and be loved by me.

I was a child and *she* was a child,  
In this kingdom by the sea,  
But we loved with a love that was more than  
love—  
I and my Annabel Lee—  
With a love that the wingèd seraphs of Heaven  
Coveted her and me.

And this was the reason that, long ago,  
In this kingdom by the sea,  
A wind blew out of a cloud, chilling  
My beautiful Annabel Lee;  
So that her highborn kinsmen came  
And bore her away from me,  
To shut her up in a sepulchre  
In this kingdom by the sea.

The angels, not half so happy in Heaven,  
Went envying her and me—  
Yes!—that was the reason (as all men know,  
In this kingdom by the sea)  
That the wind came out of the cloud by night,  
Chilling and killing my Annabel Lee.

But our love it was stronger by far than the love  
Of those who were older than we—  
Of many far wiser than we—  
And neither the angels in Heaven above  
Nor the demons down under the sea  
Can ever dissever my soul from the soul  
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;

For the moon never beams, without bringing  
me dreams  
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;  
And the stars never rise, but I feel the bright  
eyes  
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;  
And so, all the night-tide, I lie down by the  
side  
Of my darling—my darling—my life and  
my bride,  
In her sepulchre there by the sea—  
In her tomb by the sounding sea.

1. Write the appropriate rhyme scheme (ABAB, AABBC, AAABB, etc.) next to each line for the entire poem. You may want to reference your book to see the exact formatting of the poem.

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2. Who are the characters in the poem? What is the characters' relationship to one another? Give a specific example from the poem to support your answer.

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3. What lines inform you of Annabel Lee's death? According to the speaker, why did Annabel Lee die?

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4. What is a theme or message in this poem. Remember\*\* A theme is one word that describes an overall idea of the poem.

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5. The speaker has difficulty forgetting his love; what lines support his inference?

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6. Find 2 examples of imagery that contrast each other, or are opposites of each other. Why do you think Poe creates such contrasting imagery?

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