



THE FALL OF THE HOUSE  
OF USHER  
by Edgar Allen Poe

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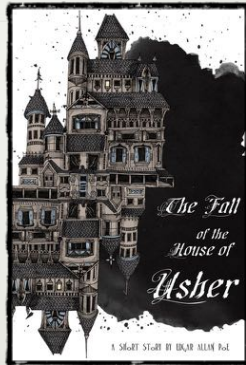
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**“An atmosphere of sorrow”**

- Genre =
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- Hit me with the meaning!
- Title — “House”?
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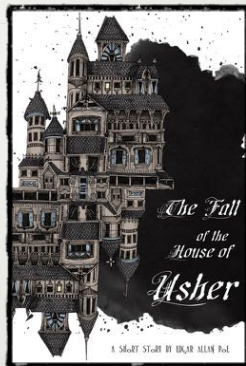
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**“An atmosphere of sorrow”**

- Discussion Questions:
  - How is this short story an exploration of insanity?
  - Did Usher inherit his mental illness?
  - What exactly does Usher believe about his house, and what might this mean?
  - Why is Roderick determined to keep his sister's corpse in a vault at his house for two weeks?
  - Discuss the role of the narrator in the short story?



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