

### Culminating Writing Task Directions

Rewrite “The Tell-Tale Heart” from a new perspective. Then compare and contrast the original version and a rewritten version to determine which version has more impact and why.

To complete this task:

- Select a new narrator (e.g., one of the police officers who visit the narrator, one of the old man’s relatives, etc.).
- Establish a different point of view and purpose in telling the story.
- Determine a new tone and vary the word choice to reflect the narrator’s “real” motives and personality.
- Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, including sensory language, to develop events and characters according to the changed point of view and purpose.
- After completing your rewritten version, compare and contrast it to the original version.
- Identify the differences in character development and plot development and pacing.
- Evaluate how those differences impact the mood and development of irony and suspense.

Rewrite “The Tell-Tale Heart” from a new perspective using effective techniques and incorporating relevant details and dialogue from the original text. Then write a literary analysis in which you make a claim about which version has a greater impact and support the claim through the evaluation of the different effects of each version of the story. Be sure to use proper grammar, conventions, spelling, and grade-appropriate words and phrases. Cite several pieces of textual evidence, including direct quotations and parenthetical citations.