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Dear Edgar Allen Poe,

First of all I would like to say that I love all the stories that you have written. I am writing to tell you what your stories taught me so far in life.

I think that I was 10 years old when I first picked up a copy of the Tell-Tale Heart. I read it quickly and enjoyed it immensley. After rereading it I picked up on a few things. That story probably has never happened but I believe it could. With that being said, I did learn something from it. The human soul also has a darker side. It may sound weird and morbid but I think that it can be an important thing for people to know that the world is not all good. Just imagine: a sheltered, naïve child growing up with no bad things. Once that child is let out into the world, it will be purely chaotic. He will have to discover the natures of the world and of humans through experience. I believe that it is good for people to know that people can change and that life can be bad some of the time. Most people stroll through optimistically and never expect something horrible to happen, and when it does, they are very unprepared for the consequences that will occur.

So thank you Edgar Allen Poe. Other people might not see my point but I would like to believe that you would. I believe that knowing about painful things may save people from some pain. Just know you helped me in teaching me that.

Sincerely,

Amanda Potter