

“The Masque of the Red Death”
Symbol Exploration

The Clock

1. What does a clock usually represent?
2. In which room is this clock located?
3. Why would the guests stop what they are doing and get nervous whenever the clock chimes?

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The Hallway

1. How are the rooms arranged?
2. Why would they be arranged this way?
3. What could Prospero’s action of going through all the rooms to his death represent?

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The Rooms

Considering that Prospero goes through all of these rooms to his death, what could each room represent?
(hint- do the first and last room first.)

1. Blue	2. Purple
3. Orange	4. Green
5. White	6. Violet
7. Black	

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The Stranger

1. When does this stranger appear?
2. What could the stranger’s outfit represent?
3. Why would the guests die upon seizing the stranger, and why would there be nothing under its mask?