death

desertion

Father

Mother

After birth

Two years old

Wealthy merchant

Edgar Allan Poe
(1809-1849)
(Boston- Baltimore)

John Allan
stepfather

London
boarding school

1828
gambling debts
the army

1827
Tamerlane and other poems

USA

1826
Virginia University

1828
Al Aaraaf, Tamerlane and Minor Poems

Eight months later
expulsion

1830
admission
West Point Military Academy

New York
Poems: Second Edition
(1830)

Richmond
aunt Maria Clemm
cousin Virginia

Happy life

Short stories

prize

Job
book reviewer

1833 competition
Manuscript Found in a Bottle

1838
The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym
novel

1836
marriage
Edgar- Virginia

Tales of The Grotesque and Arabesque
(25 tales 1839)

Philadelphia
magazine coeditor
The Fall of the House of Usher
William Wilson
(1839)

Tales of ratiocination
(modern detective story)

The Murders in the Rue Morgue
(1841)

The Mask of the Red Death
(1842)

The Pit and the Pendulum
(1842)

The Gold Bug
(1843)

Virginia's death

1845
The Raven
poem

Essays of criticism
on
contemporary American writers

The Black Cat

The Tell-Tale Heart

alcohol

precarious mental equilibrium

1848
Eureka

Engagement
Sarah Hellen

Laudanum addiction

Unstable personality

death-Baltimore-1849

Pure poetry

No message

No moral teaching

Pleasure

Poem

short

Sound

"The beauty above"

Imagery

Pure beauty

Musical effect very important

events

"the rhythmic creation of beauty"

combination

order

No interruptions

short

Single effect

Fear, horror, terror- comic, satirical connotation

idealist

visionary

Emotion-imagination

Humour-satire

Theme of the "double"

Arabesque

Grotesque

Short stories

Great power of ratiocination

clues

Modern detective story

Ratiocination

for

Close observation minute details

reader

narrator

Monsieur Dupin French detective

reason

intuition

Riddle solution

Narrative technique

The narrator

First person narrator

characters

The old man

Rational plan for a murder

The Tell-Tale Heart

setting

Horror for the murder

The old man's bedroom