

Agenda:

Essential question: How does peer pressure shape our perspective of the world?

FHU reading quiz

Discussion questions (group work)

Homework: Vocab quiz next class! Listen to Lewinsky's TED talk on Shame (link provided in flipchart) and find a related article.

FHU by Poe

1. Study the first sentence of the story. What words and stylistic devices set the tone of the story? Can you discern, in that very first sentence, as foreshadowing of the story's end?
2. The Usher mansion is described in great detail. What does it look like - inside and out? How is the appearance of the manor related to its inhabitants?
3. Why does the narrator come to visit Usher? How are the narrator and Usher similar; in what ways are they different?
4. Describe Roderick Usher's artistic creations. What do they tell us about him, and how do they reinforce the main theme of the story?
5. What is the nature of Roderick Usher's relationship with his sister Madeline?
6. What do you think Madeline's malady is, based on the various references in the story?
7. Why do you think Roderick immured his living sister in a tomb? Can you find evidence in your story to support your answer?

Monica Lewinsky

Homework: Public shaming is not unique to *The Scarlet Letter*, nor is it unique to celebrities. Find an article to share which discusses the idea of public shaming. You may look for an article which condemns or supports public shaming, just to make it interesting! We will share some of these in group discussions.

