

Edgar Allan Poe, "The Balloon Hoax"
Worksheet

Name: _____

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1. Either by remembering what I explained in class or by doing a bit of online research, please explain below *where* what Poe calls "The Balloon Hoax" was originally published.

2. What does the publication venue tell you about the interests of Poe's audience concerning the subject-matter?

3. Please summarize below, in a brief paragraph, "The Balloon Hoax."

4. Please list ten adjectives below that describe the content of Poe's story.

5. What does Poe's story (or rather, the way in which Poe wrote it) tell you about the value of "scientific" advancements to Poe's audience?

6. Are there any features of Poe's story that are quintessentially "American" to you? If so, what?

7. Why might Poe's audience have assumed his account of the balloon voyage was true?