English 3

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“The Masque of the Red Death”

Going through the short story “The Masque of the Red Death” we see a number of elements of symbolism. We can observe how the colors described in the story can come to represent more than just the color of someone’s clothing. If we take a look at the 7 rooms we can also come up with several plausible interpretations for what the 7 rooms symbolize.

Your task is to choose two symbolic elements from the story it can be a color, object, character or the 7 rooms and write a detailed analysis about it. You should include how this is portrayed in the story and how it symbolizes a deeper meaning.

Draw an illustration of a symbolic element you have chosen. Be sure to write a detailed description about your illustration. This description should include what your illustration is of and how what you have chosen to illustrate represents a greater idea overall.