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Study Guide for “The Cask of Amontillado”

I. VOCABULARY: Be able to define the following words and understand them when they appear in the story.

catacombs_____

virtuoso_____

impunity_____

fettered_____

connoisseur_____

gait_____

precluded_____

retribution_____

afflicted_____

explicit_____

II. LITERARY TERMS: Be able to define each term and apply each term to the story.

plot _____

verbal irony _____

Example: _____

dramatic irony_____

Example:_____

narrator _____

author_____

protagonist_____ Example: _____

mood_____

*describe the mood of the story:_____

Point of View _____

Theme _____

*What is the theme of the story? _____

III. QUESTIONS: Answer the following questions.

1. What is the meaning of the phrase “A wrong is unredressed when retribution overtakes its redresser”?
2. Why did Montresor seek revenge on Fortunato?
3. How did Montresor know that the house would be empty?
4. Where had the stone and mortar, used by Montresor to wall up the entrance to the niche, been hidden?
5. In your own words, describe the catacombs that Fortunato is led through.
6. Where and when is the story set? Give reasons for your answer.
7. Why does Montresor make sure Fortunato has drunk a lot of wine?
8. What is Luchresi’s role in the story?
9. What preparations had Montresor made for his revenge?
10. Why does Montresor appear concerned about Fortunato’s health?
11. Describe Fortunato’s character.