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Edgar Allan Poe

Lead: After a life of brilliant dissipation Edgar Allan Poe, whose lyrical musings delved deep into the dark precincts of the soul, died on October 7, 1849.

Intro.: *A Moment in Time* with Dan Roberts.

Content: After a classical education in Europe, further stumbling attempts at Virginia and West Point came to grief. Gambling and especially drink were the scourge of Poe's life. Despite his inner

struggles and unrealized potential, Poe's intellectual radiance and unique ability to describe the fears and desires of the human condition could not but break through. Living the life of the gypsy author he wandered the East Coast seeking patrons and work, all the while churning out a prodigious and increasingly popular collection of detective stories, poems, narratives, stories of supernatural horror, dark journeys of inner terror that all too often seemed autobiographical.

The troubled conflict of Edgar Allan Poe came to an end in a Baltimore death as resplendent in mystery as that of Poe's narrator in

his most famous work *The Raven*, here read by Basil Rathbone.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOerzpI1cSE>

Remembering the life and work of Edgar Allan Poe on the 150th anniversary of his death, at the University of Richmond, this is Dan Roberts.

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