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## Writer's Kit Answer Key

### Sample Completed Chart

Tool	Example from the Passage	Why It's Effective
Tone - Dark and frantic	"louder, louder, louder still!"	Creates urgency and mimics the narrator's unraveling sanity
Imagery - Auditory	"I heard all things in the heaven and in the earth"	Vivid sound-based imagery conveys paranoia and heightened senses
Theme - Madness	"It haunted me day and night"	Central theme of obsession and insanity drives the story forward

### Reflection Sample Answers

1. Poe's most powerful tool here is **tone**, because the frantic repetition makes readers feel the narrator's panic.
2. The tools combine to build a mood of **psychological horror**; tone shows panic, imagery builds atmosphere, and theme reveals obsession.
3. Another author who uses a similar toolbox is **H.P. Lovecraft**, who also relies on unsettling tone, vivid imagery, and themes of madness.

### Teacher Notes

- **Skill Focus:** Students learn to break down authorial style into **reusable "tools"**, rather than treating it as vague or abstract.
- **Scaffolding Idea:** Provide a word bank of possible tools (tone, diction, imagery, symbolism, repetition, irony, theme, etc.) for students who need support.
- **Extension:** Ask students to imagine what Poe's "toolbox" would look like physically (e.g., a hammer labeled "imagery," a saw labeled "tone") and draw it as a metaphorical illustration.