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Poe's Obituary

After watching the A&E Biography *The Mysteries of Edgar Allan Poe*, you will write Poe's obituary for the *Baltimore Sun*. Carefully read over the instructions and rubric for this assignment so you know what details to be paying attention for as you watch the biography.

Your obituary should be typed and be approximately 250-500 words. (That's really not a lot of writing... So be direct with your writing)

Instructions:

Factual Information

- Give the deceased full name, and date and place of death
- Recount the main events in the person's life, beginning with his birth and birthplace
- Include a list of schools attended, degrees received, vocation and hobbies
- Include any other information that may be of interest to the readers
- Acknowledge any survivors, including parents, spouse and children

Creative Information

- Announce when and where the funeral, burial, wake and/or memorial service will take place
- Conclude with a statement regarding where memorial contributions can be sent
- Time the publication of the obituary so that it runs a few days before the memorial service

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Rubric for Edgar Allan Poe's Obituary

Content – 50 points

- Inclusion of the following:
 - ✓ Full name
 - ✓ Biological parents' and adopted parents' names
 - ✓ Birthplace
 - ✓ Date of birth/death
 - ✓ Schools attended
 - ✓ Details on marriage
 - ✓ Relationship with adopted father
 - ✓ Financial issues
 - ✓ What deceased became known/remembered for
 - ✓ Employment
 - ✓ How he died
 - ✓ Age at death
 - ✓ Other interesting facts about Poe's life
 - ✓ Funeral/memorial service info
 - ✓ Contributions/donations info
 - ✓ Appropriate timing of obituary

Content Total _____ out of 50 points

Writing Mechanics and Conventions

- Varying sentence structure _____ out of 10 points
- Tone is formal and respectful of the deceased _____ out of 10 points
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar _____ out of 10 points
- Creativity _____ out of 10 points
- Appropriate length _____ out of 10 points

Writing Total _____ out of 50 points

Combined Total _____ out of 100 points