

## The Tell Tale Heart – a summary

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Re-order the text below to summarise the plot of the story:

A	On the eighth night the old man hears and sits up in bed.	
B	The police knock at the door because a neighbor heard a scream.	
C	Eventually, the murderer throws aside the chair and admits his guilt because he can no longer bear the beating noise of the old man's heart.	
D	He explains that it was the old man's eye that repulsed him.	
E	The narrator opens the lantern so that a 'single dim ray' falls upon the old man's eye.	
F	He gets a headache and feels a ringing in his ears which becomes more and more distinct.	
G	He puts the old man's body beneath the floorboards.	
H	He becomes increasingly agitated by the noise.	
I	Each night, the narrator went to the old man's door and opened it a tiny bit.	
J	He places his own upon the spot beneath which lies the old man's body.	
K	The murderer leaps into the room, drags the man to the floor and throws the bed upon him.	
L	He becomes aware that the ringing is not within his ears.	
M	The narrator tells the police he shrieked in a dream.	
N	However, the noise continues to increase although the officers do not seem to hear it.	
O	The old man groans in mortal terror.	
P	The narrator starts by saying how much he loved the old man	
Q	The narrator hears the old man's heart beating.	
R	However, he becomes pale and wishes the police would leave.	
S	The murderer dismembers the corpse.	
T	The narrator is so confident he brings chairs to the room for the police to sit on.	
U	The narrator describes how he planned the murder	
V	The murderer begins to pace the floor.	
W	For an hour the murderer waits, not moving.	
X	The narrator becomes paler and talks more fluently to cover up his discomfort.	
Y	The police are convinced by the murderer's manner.	
Z	He takes them all over the house to search.	
AA	He still hears the man's heart beating for some time.	