

The Cask of Amontillado Reading Comprehension Questions

(10 points, due Thursday.) Provide a detailed answer for each of the following questions. The first person with four questions completed to say I have a potty-mouth, gets full credit. You may answer on another sheet of paper.

- 1) What are the names of the two main characters in the story?
- 2) What is the cask of Amontillado?
- 3) Why does one of the characters seek revenge against the other?
- 4) In the first paragraph, the author uses the word *impunity*. Use the context clues surrounding the word to define *impunity*.
- 5) Why does Montressor hesitate when holding the rapier to his prisoner's neck? In other words, why doesn't Montressor kill him?
- 6) Although the story does not specifically illustrate his death, how does Montressor's prisoner die? Use elements from the story to justify your example.
- 7) Why does Montressor choose this punishment instead of just killing his "friend?"
- 8) Describe the role of alcohol in this story.
- 9) Describe Montressor's life up until his meeting with the other character.
- 10) If you were Montressor, how would you have sought revenge?
- 11) Describe a time when you sought revenge against somebody. How were you different from Montressor? How were you similar?