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Cask of Amontillado Literary Review

Objective: Analyze irony, theme and tone inside Poe's Cask of Amontillado

Directions: When given the quotes for each station, work with you partner on completing that part of the chart.

Topic	Text Evidence 1:	Text Evidence 2:
Irony	Why is this ironic? What kind of irony is it?	Why is this ironic? What kind of irony is it?
Tone	What is Poe's attitude towards Montresor in this selection?	What is Poe's attitude towards Fortunato in this selection?
Theme	1. Write answer for question 1 here:	2. Write a possible theme statement here: (The author believes that....)

Irony:

1. I said to him --"My dear Fortunato, you are luckily met. How remarkably well you are looking to-day. But I have received a pipe of what passes for Amontillado, and I have my doubts."
2. "I drink," he said, "to the buried that repose around us."
"And I to your long life."

Tone

1. There came forth in return only a jingling of the bells. My heart grew sick; it was the dampness of the catacombs that made it so. I hastened to make an end of my labour. I forced the last stone into its position; I plastered it up. Against the new masonry I re-erected the old rampart of bones. For the half of a century no mortal has disturbed them. In pace requiescat!
2. It was about dusk, one evening during the supreme madness of the carnival season, that I encountered my friend. He accosted me with excessive warmth, for he had been drinking much. The man wore motley. He had on a tight-fitting parti-striped dress, and his head was surmounted by the conical cap and bells. I was so pleased to see him that I thought I should never have done wringing his hand.

Theme:

1. For two of the topics below, write ideas about how they are addressed in this story: **revenge, trust, betrayal.**
2. Write a theme statement for this story based on one of your ideas from question 1.

