

Finally, at the end of text, after the narrator kills the old man because of the fear/disgust he had of his eye, the narrator hides the body of the old man under the floor before the police come to visit him.

In the text, “The Tell Tale Heart” by Edgar Allan Poe, Poe relays the message that fear can shape how we see things and act.

First, in the beginning of the text, the narrator describes how fearful and disgusted he is of the old man by having to look at his damaged eye and that he wants to kill the old man because of it.

Then, in the middle of the text, the narrator states that as the old man hears sounds in his house, he becomes fearful which wakes him up and prevents him from falling back to sleep—changing his actions.