

“The Pit and the Pendulum” – Edgar Allan Poe

Symbolism

In the chart, name any concrete thing from the story, be it the pit, the pendulum, the judges, the picture of Father Time, or anything else they can think of. Write these down in the left-hand column. In the right-hand column, write down what these things mean. The story has definite religious overtones, with references to hell, sin and redemption.

symbol	representation
pit	Hell itself or death
pendulum	
judges	
Father Time	