Guiding Question: “What killed Edgar Allan Poe?” Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Read the four informational pieces on pages 184 – 192. Look for main ideas and evidence to support each piece. Complete the chart below with your responses.

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| “Poe’s Final Days”  (pgs 184 – 186)  *List possible causes and at least two pieces of textual evidence to support each cause (textual evidence should be written verbatim, and should be enclosed in quotation marks. Page numbers should follow quotations and should be enclosed in parentheses)* | “Poe’s Death is Rewritten as Case of Rabies, Not Telltale Alcohol”  (Pages 187 – 188)  *List possible causes and at least two pieces of textual evidence to support each cause (textual evidence should be written verbatim, and should be enclosed in quotation marks. Page numbers should follow quotations and should be enclosed in parentheses)* |
| “If Only Poe had Succeeded When He Said Nevermore to Drink”  (page 189)  *List possible cause and at least one piece of textual evidence to support stated cause (textual evidence should be written verbatim, and should be enclosed in quotation marks. Page numbers should follow quotations and should be enclosed in parentheses)* | “Rabies Death Theory”  (page 190)  *List possible cause and at least one piece of textual evidence to support stated cause (textual evidence should be written verbatim, and should be enclosed in quotation marks. Page numbers should follow quotations and should be enclosed in parentheses)* |

Complete this thesis statement: ***Although there is no general agreement about what caused Poe’s death*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph Skeleton for Poe’s Death Theories

(T.S.) Although there is no general agreement about Poe’s death, perhaps the most convincing theory is that of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(CD) (genre, title, and author of reference work) According to a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ titled “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the author provides evidence for his theory by stating “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”(page #)

(CM) This shows that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(CM) This also shows that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(Concluding statement) Due to the convincing evidence from the (genre), it is highly possible that Poe’s death was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

(examples of responses in conclusion-

* Something over which he had no control, it was just determined by the circumstances he found himself in at the time.
* Most likely accidental because he did not know that his lifestyle and habits could eventually be the cause of his demise.
* Determined by a number of contributing factors that lead to his early passing.
* Anything that makes sense and wraps up the paragraph intelligently.