

## Tropes Analysis Example

From Poe's excerpt "The Masque of the Red Death"

Chaos. Destruction. Hysteria. These are usually associated with death. Yet, Poe's Death is anything but the aforementioned. In "The Masque of the Red Death," Poe uses an analogy to personify Death. The simile "like a thief in the night" implies Death is sneaky, sly, sinister. As a thief would peculate a woman's valuable jewelry and slither into the night, Poe's "thief" arrives without a sound. Death, like the thief, absconds with people's most precious possessions—their lives.