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| Symbol | What it represents in the text | What this contributes Poe’s message/themes |
| The Party Guests |  |  |
| The Abbey |  |  |
| Prince Prospero | Wealthy society members | Cannot escape death |
| The Masquerade Ball |  |  |
| The Black Room |  |  |
| The Seven Rooms | The seven deadly sins: pride, envy, gluttony, lust, anger, greed, sloth. (Biblical reference: Proverbs) | Illustrates every humans corruption and sinful qualities – every human can experience these sins. |
| The Music |  |  |
| The Ebony Clock |  |  |
| The Masked Visitor |  |  |