

“The Tell-Tale Heart” by Edgar Allan Poe

## Integrated Language Skills: Support for Writing a Character Profile

To prepare for **writing a character profile** of either Saleh Hamadi or the narrator in “The Tell-Tale Heart,” use the chart and gather specific details about his personality. Think about Hamadi’s choice of lifestyle, the things he says to Susan, and his reaction to Tracy’s unhappiness while they are caroling. Alternatively, recall how the narrator describes his relationship with the old man and his reasons for deciding to kill him. Then, think about the various emotions the narrator experiences and describes—nervousness, anxiety, happiness, anger—as he carries out his plan and, finally, confronts the police officers.

<b>Character Trait</b>	<b>How the Trait Affects Plot and Resolution</b>