Theme: Human Nature is a delicate mix between light and dark or good and evil.

Answer in complete and detailed sentences. Look back in your story.

1. In the boxes provided, draw a representation of an “insane or mad” mind and draw a representation of a “sane” mind. Avoid drawing a picture, use signs and symbols.

   “insane or mad mind”          “sane mind”

List the personality traits these minds might exhibit. Find the best words not the obvious.

Personality: ___________________          Personality: ___________________

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2. What are the symptoms of the narrator’s “disease”? /2

3. What was the narrator’s “motive” for murder? /2

4. On the 8th night, why were the old man’s attempts to comfort himself considered to be “in vain” (or useless)? Think about why he can’t go back to sleep. /2
5. Right before the murder, what effect did the beating of the old man’s heart have on the narrator?  /2

6a. Why do the police come to the house?  /2

6b. What explanation does the narrator give them?  /2

7. ....I brought chairs into the room, and desired them here to rest from their fatigues, while I myself, in the wild **audacity** (boldness, recklessness) of my perfect triumph, placed my own seat upon the very spot beneath which reposed the corpse of the victim.
How does this action actually lead to the mental breakdown and confession of the man?  /2

8. But anything was better than this agony! Anything was more tolerable than this **derision** (mockery, making fun of)! I could bear those hypocritical smiles no longer!
What does the man think the officers are doing to him? What really is the “noise” the man is hearing? Explain clearly.  /2

9. Why does the narrator confess at the end of the story? What doesn’t he realize?  /2