NOUNS: COMMON AND PROPER

In the following paragraphs, put one line under all common nouns and two lines under all proper nouns.

Edgar Allen Poe was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1809. Left an orphan at the age of two, he was brought up by John Allen. As a child, he received an excellent education. This included schooling in England. Poe was accepted at West Point, but eventually was dismissed. Finally, he settled down in Baltimore where he worked as a writer and a critic. In 1836, he married Virginia Clemm and was deeply devoted to her until her death in 1847. Poe, addicted to drugs and alcohol, died tragically in 1849.

Edgar Allen Poe edited the Southern Literary Magazine and the Gentleman's Magazine. He was known as a highly perceptive critic. During this period, he also wrote many of the poems and tales that were to make his name renowned in Europe and America. His stories, such as "The Gold Bug" and the "Masque of the Red Death," were widely read, and the publication of his poem "The Raven" made him even more famous. To this day, Poe is one of the most highly regarded writers in all American literature.