Edgar Allan Poe’s gruesome short story "The Black Cat" was written in 1843. In this story, Poe narrates the story of the unnamed narrator as he awaits execution in a prison cell. Characterization, narration, inner-conflicts of the narrator, and the setting will be discussed to further understand the uncanny relationship of the narrator with his wife and the black cat. Students will analyze the story together with the literary terms they studied at the beginning of the semester.