**“The Black Cat”**

**Review Questions**

1. What is the significance of the cat’s name, Pluto?
2. What is the significance of the narrator’s change of disposition from docile and tender to “…more moody¸ more irritable and regardless of the feelings of others”? Which of these personalities is considered more “acceptable” for the narrator to adopt, and why?
3. Why does the narrator eventually kill Pluto? What does this act have to do with how the narrator defines “perverseness”? Do you agree with his definition? Discuss.
4. What is the significance of the new cat and his markings? What does the new cat symbolize to the narrator?
5. Why does the narrator “breathe as a free man”­ after he commits the murder? Why does he feel triumphant when the police arrive? What do these actions and feelings reveal about the narrator and his sense of right/wrong? In/sanity?