Texts: *The Hunger Games* and “Annabel Lee”

Criteria: Writing Style: From what point of view does the author tell the story?

One similarity that *The Hunger Games* and “Annabel Lee” share is that they are both told from the point of view of someone who has experienced loss. In *The Hunger Games*, Katniss is deeply affected by the loss of her father. Katniss remembers her father’s mining accident when she says, “A medal for her father who was vaporized in the mines “ (Collins 23). Now that her sister has been chosen to participate in the Hunger Games, Katniss is so terrified of losing her that she volunteers to take her place. In “Annabel Lee,” the narrator is affected by the loss of his wife. In the sixth stanza, the narrator says, “And all the night-tide I lay down by the side/ of my darling-my darling- my life and my bride.” Even though the narrator has lost is wife, he decides to stay with her instead of moving on with his life. In both of these points of view, the main characters make life-changing decisions after they lose someone they love. This demonstrates how authors choose a point of view that will create drama for their story.