Study Guide for “The Cask of Amontillado”

I. VOCABULARY: Be able to define the following words and understand them when they appear in the story.

- catacombs
- virtuoso
- impunity
- fettered
- connoisseur
- gait
- precluded
- retribution
- afflicted
- explicit

II. LITERARY TERMS: Be able to define each term and apply each term to the story.

- plot
- verbal irony
  Example:
- dramatic irony
  Example:
- narrator
- author
- protagonist
  Example:
- mood

*describe the mood of the story:
III. QUESTIONS: Answer the following questions.

1. What is the meaning of the phrase “A wrong is unredressed when retribution overtakes its redresser”?

2. Why did Montresor seek revenge on Furtonato?

3. How did Montresor know that the house would be empty?

4. Where had the stone and mortar, used by Montresor to wall up the entrance to the niche, been hidden?

5. In your own words, describe the catacombs that Furunato is led through.

6. Where and when is the story set? Give reasons for your answer.

7. Why does Montresor make sure Fortunato has drunk a lot of wine?

8. What is Luchresi’s role in the story?

9. What preparations had Montressor made for his revenge?

10. Why does Montresor appear concerned about Fortunato’s health?

11. Describe Fortunato’s character.