

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
Study Guide for Chapter 1, "Story of the Door"

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Directions: Write short essay answers to the following questions. Be sure to use complete sentences and follow other conventions of standard written English.

1. Explain the significance of the door.
2. What happens to the little girl? How do you feel as you read that passage?
3. What advice does Enfield give Utterson? Do you agree with it? Why or why not? Use examples from your own experience to support your answer.

Study Guide for Chapter 2, "Search for Mr. Hyde"

1. According to the will, what was to transpire if something happened to Henry Jekyll?
2. Why does Utterson say, "If he be Mr. Hyde, I shall be Mr. Seek"?
Explain the humor in this remark.
3. Describe Mr. Hyde's physical characteristics as observed by Utterson.
4. How does Mr. Utterson react to Mr. Hyde? Does he like him? Why or why not? How do you react to Hyde? Do you like him?

Study Guide for Chapter 3, "Dr. Jekyll was Quite at Ease," and Chapter 4, "The Carew Murder Case."

1. What does Utterson want to talk to Dr. Jekyll about as the chapter begins?
2. How does Dr. Jekyll react to the topic mentioned in question #1?
3. What does Utterson promise as chapter 3 ends?
4. How much time has passed since Utterson's visit to Dr. Jekyll in chapter 3?

5. Briefly recount the crime that was committed.
6. Why is Utterson summoned to the scene of the crime?
7. List some of the clues (at least three) found at the scene of the crime.
8. Two main points of Dr. Jekyll's will are revealed indirectly toward the end of the chapter. What are they?

Study Guide for Chapter 5, "Incident of the Letter."

1. Describe Dr. Jekyll's physical and mental state as the chapter opens.
2. What does the letter that Dr. Jekyll shares with Utterson convey or explain? Who signed the letter?
3. On his way out, Utterson asks Poole a question. What conflicting fact does he learn?
4. Who is Mr. Guest? Why does Utterson share the matter of the letter with him?
5. At the end of the chapter, Mr. Guest makes an astonishing observation. What is it?

Study Guide for Chapter 6, "Remarkable Incident of Dr. Lanyon," and Chapter 7, "Incident at the Window."

1. Describe Dr. Jekyll's appearance and attitude as the chapter begins. How long does it last?
2. When Dr. Jekyll refuses to see him, Utterson goes to the home of Dr. Lanyon, a mutual friend. Describe Lanyon's condition when Utterson finds him.
3. What does Dr. Lanyon leave for Mr. Utterson in the event of Dr. Lanyon's death?
4. What happens to Utterson's visits to Dr. Jekyll by the end of Chapter 6? Why?
5. Give the specific features of the setting where Utterson, Enfield, and Dr. Jekyll have their conversation.

6. What reasons does Henry Jekyll give for this unusual arrangement?
7. What happens to abruptly end the men's conversation?
8. How do Enfield and Utterson react to this occurrence?

Study Guide for Chapter 8, "The Last Night."

Chapter 8

1. Describe Poole's appearance and his mental state when he visits Utterson at the beginning of the chapter. What are the reasons for his condition?
2. Where does Poole take Utterson?
3. Because the voice from the locked room is different, Poole fears something has happened to Dr. Jekyll. What are his fears?
4. What were the scraps of paper that Poole had been finding for the last week? What is their present day equivalent?
5. Describe the creature Poole sees coming down from the room.
6. Who is the creature in the minds of Poole and Utterson?
7. What do Poole and Utterson finally decide to do in order to check on Dr. Jekyll's safety?
8. When the door is finally opened, list what Poole and Utterson find.
9. What does the thick envelope that the two find on the table contain?

Study Guide for Chapter 9, “Dr. Lanyon’s Narrative,” and Chapter 10, “Henry Jekyll’s Full Statement of the Case.”

Chapter 9

1. The chapter begins with the copy of a letter Dr. Jekyll had sent to Dr. Lanyon. In plain English, as simply as possible, summarize the directions in the letter.
2. Describe the contents of the drawer that Dr. Lanyon transports to his home from Dr. Jekyll’s cabinet.
3. Who is the messenger who comes to retrieve the drawer from Dr. Lanyon?
4. What does the messenger do with the box and its contents?
5. Describe the physical reactions that occur when the messenger drinks the strange concoction.
6. What startling information does Lanyon reveal at the end of his letter?

Chapter 10

1. At the beginning of the chapter, Jekyll states that “man is not truly one, but two.” What do you think he means by this remark?
2. Do you agree with Dr. Jekyll’s hypothesis as stated in question #1? Support your answer with reasons, examples, explanations, etc.
3. What then were Henry Jekyll’s original reasons for carrying out his experiment?
4. As time passes, the original outcome of Dr. Jekyll’s experiment is altered. What happens to the Jekyll/Hyde transformation process?
5. As the story ends, Jekyll writes, “. . . I bring the life of that unhappy Henry Jekyll to an end.” What does he mean and why does he do it?