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LEVEL 1

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

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ABOUT THE NOVEL

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde was written by Scottish writer Robert Louis Stevenson. It was published in 1886. It is the book which Stevenson is best known for. It is very popular and has been adapted to many movies, comic books and other media. It tells the story of a respectable doctor who believes that man has both good and evil sides. The doctor creates a serum in his laboratory to separate the two different sides of a person. When he tests the serum on himself, he changes into his evil self, Mr Hyde and commits crimes. The story is told from the

viewpoint of the doctor's lawyer, who tries to discover the connection between the doctor and Hyde. Stevenson wrote this book in 1885 while he was recovering from an illness. A nightmare which he had when he had a high fever gave him the idea for some of the scenes in this book. *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* has had a great impact on society. Today the phrase 'Jekyll and Hyde' is used to refer to people who seem to have two different personalities or who often behaves in contradictory ways.

SUMMARY

Mr Utterson, who is a lawyer in London, and his friend Mr Enfield walk past the door of an old building while taking their weekly walk in a good part of the city. Enfield tells Utterson something that happened in front of that building several weeks ago. He tells him that he saw a weird looking, crooked man accidentally bump into a young girl and then trample on her. After being caught, the weird man said that his name was Edward Hyde. He didn't want to be taken to the police station, so he agreed to pay the girl's father a big sum of money. He went inside this old building and brought a cheque. The cheque had the name of a respectable well-known man on it. When Utterson hears the name Hyde, he realizes that the cheque belongs to his client, Dr Jekyll. Utterson has a copy of Dr Jekyll's new will, in which he says everything he owns will belong to Hyde when he dies or disappears.

A year later, one night, an old gentleman is beaten to death by a strange man in the middle of a street. This gentleman was also a client of Utterson's. Utterson thinks the murderer is Hyde because of the description given by a witness and the broken part of a cane found beside the dead man's body. But Hyde disappears and cannot be found. Utterson thinks Dr Jekyll is hiding him. So, he goes to visit him, and Jekyll shows him a letter from Hyde. In the letter, Hyde says he is going away and will not return. However, Utterson discovers that the handwriting on the letter is the same as Dr Jekyll's. He gets more confused about the connection between these two men. After Hyde's disappearance, Jekyll seems happier than before. He often invites friends to his house and gives dinner parties. But two months later, he stops seeing his friends. He never comes out of his study in the laboratory. Meanwhile, when Dr Lanyon, an old friend of both Jekyll and Utterson, dies, his butler gives Utterson a sealed envelope to be opened after Jekyll's death or disappearance.

Then, one evening, Dr Jekyll's butler visits Mr Utterson at his home. He's worried about his master and believes that he's in great danger since he hasn't come out of his study for weeks. He thinks there is a stranger in his study, and he may kill Jekyll. So, Utterson and Poole break into Dr Jekyll's laboratory. They find Mr Hyde dead on the floor of Jekyll's study, wearing Jekyll's clothes, but they cannot find Jekyll anywhere. On Jekyll's desk, though, Mr Utterson finds several documents that Jekyll left to him. Utterson goes back home and reads both Mr Lanyon's secret letter and Dr Jekyll's letter, which are actually the two parts of the same story.

After reading these letters, Utterson learns that Jekyll was able to change himself into an evil man, who he named Edward Hyde. Because Mr Hyde did evil things, Jekyll stopped taking the serum for some time and did not become Hyde again. But one night, he felt very weak and drank the serum again. That's when he killed the old gentleman in the street and disappeared. From Lanyon's letter, Utterson discovers that Hyde needed Dr Lanyon's help to get his potion and turn back into Jekyll because he couldn't go home to his laboratory, and the police were looking for him. He turned into Dr Jekyll in Lanyon's house after drinking his potion there. Dr Lanyon had a big shock seeing this change and became very ill afterwards.

Eventually, Jekyll could not stop being Hyde because he changed even without drinking the serum. And he needed bigger doses of the serum to turn back into Jekyll. In the end, he ran out of one of the chemicals he used in the serum. He locked himself in the study and never came out. He understood that he would stay as Hyde forever, so he decided to kill himself. He took the last bit of the serum in the bottle to turn back into Jekyll and write a letter to be opened by Utterson after he died. The letter reveals all this. Then, Jekyll commits suicide.

Discuss before you begin reading:

- 1 What type of book do you think *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* is: mystery, horror, science fiction, thriller or detective/murder story?
- 2 Can a person have two different personalities? What do you think? Do you know someone who acts as if they have two personalities? If you do, describe him/her.

A There are 10 chapters in this book. Can you match the sentences (a-j) with the titles of the chapters (1-10)?

1 The Brutal Man and the Door

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2 Utterson's Doubts about Hyde

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3 Utterson and Dr Jekyll

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4 Murder in the Street

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5 Letter from Hyde

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6 Dr Lanyon's Death

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7 The Window

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8 The End of Mr Hyde

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9 Dr Lanyon's Letter

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10 Dr Jekyll's Secret

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The letter is not in an envelope, and this surprises Utterson. In the letter, Hyde says he is going away and will not return.

(a)

No one knows this fact about me. There is an evil man in me. I do a lot of research and experiments. My research shows that I have two personalities.

(f)

'Perhaps he will try to kill Jekyll and get his property afterwards! Oh, Hyde is a strange man, but he is also very dangerous. Jekyll must not trust him at all.'

(b)

The man stops in front of a dark, old house with no windows. He takes out a key from his pocket and unlocks the door of the house. 'Wait here,' he says to the three men and goes inside.

(g)

One of the laboratory windows is half open. Utterson says, 'Look, Jekyll is sitting in front of that window.' They both look up.

(c)

Dr Jekyll is happy to be alone with Utterson because he likes him very much. He also trusts him as a lawyer.

(h)

In his office, Utterson takes out Lanyon's sealed envelope from the safe. He looks at Lanyon's words on it again: Do not open before Jekyll's death or disappearance.

(d)

The old man is lying dead on the street. One part of Hyde's cane is near the man. The woman immediately calls for the police.

(i)

'This is a suicide,' says Utterson. They turn the body over and examine it. It is Edward Hyde!

(e)

Lanyon is very ill and weak. His face is very pale. He looks thinner and older than before.

(j)

A *Who said what to whom?* Read the ten statements in this table and write the name of the character *who* said each one and *to whom* it was said.

What did they say?	Who said it?	To whom?
1 I know you want to help me, but I don't need any help.		
2 This is Sir Danvers Carew. I know him very well. I am his lawyer.		
3 He has a room upstairs, but I rarely see him. He comes late in the evenings and leaves early in the mornings.		
4 We will go to his bank and wait there. He will need money and come to the bank very soon.		
5 If the police find him, you will be in trouble too. You know that.		
6 This is a very strange letter. It is the letter of a mad man.		
7 I don't feel very well. I think I will die very soon, perhaps in two or three weeks.		
8 I remember Hyde going in through that door and coming back with a cheque...		
9 Come down and join us. We can walk together.		
10 Please come with me and get him out of that room. He's in great danger.		

B Look at the lines about Hyde. Write your own lines about Utterson, Poole and Lanyon using the given letters.

E.g.

A HORRIBLE MAN
DR JEKYLL PROTECTS HIM
KILLS AN OLD MAN
A MURDERER



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A Mark the sentences as True (T) or False (F). (10x2=20 pts)

- ___1 Enfield calls the police when he catches the man who tramples on a young girl.
- ___2 Utterson and Enfield take a walk together every Sunday.
- ___3 Mr Enfield cannot see the name on the cheque.
- ___4 Hyde is using Mr Jekyll's bank account.
- ___5 Hyde kills the old man in the street for his money.
- ___6 Dr Lanyon thinks Hyde will kill him.
- ___7 Dr Jekyll makes the secret potion himself.
- ___8 Dr Jekyll drinks the last bit of the potion in the bottle to become Hyde once again.
- ___9 In his last will, Dr Jekyll leaves his property to Poole, not Hyde.
- ___10 Mr Utterson learns Dr Jekyll's secret after he dies.

B Mark the correct answers. (10x3=30 pts)

- 1 Which is not true about Hyde at the beginning of the story?
 - a He uses Jekyll's cheque book.
 - b He uses Jekyll's cane.
 - c He often has dinner in Jekyll's dining room.
- 2 Why does Utterson think that the killer of the old gentleman is Hyde?
 - a He knows that Hyde hates him.
 - b He remembers the cane.
 - c The murder takes place in front of the old building.
- 3 Why doesn't Jekyll make more potion?
 - a He forgets how to make it.
 - b He loses the formula.
 - c He runs out of ingredients.
- 4 The old gentleman whom Hyde kills is - - - -.
 - a a friend of Dr Jekyll's
 - b Utterson's client
 - c a lawyer like Utterson himself
- 5 Why doesn't the cleaning woman call for the police immediately after the murder?
 - a She goes to bed.
 - b She faints.
 - c She fears that the man may kill her, too.
- 6 Why does Dr Lanyon die?
 - a Dr Jekyll poisons him.
 - b He gets very ill after seeing Hyde change.
 - c Hyde kills him with his cane.
- 7 When Utterson shouts at Jekyll from behind the door of his study for the last time, Jekyll - - - -.
 - a asks him for help
 - b wants him to unlock the door
 - c begs him to go away
- 8 When Poole and Utterson find Hyde's dead body, they think Dr Jekyll - - - -.
 - a killed him
 - b is still alive
 - c ran away

9 When Dr Jekyll writes a letter to Utterson, he puts it in a sealed packet, and - - - -.

- a he makes Poole deliver it to Utterson's house
- b Poole mails it to Utterson's address
- c he leaves it on his desk

10 Why do Utterson and Poole decide to break the door of Jekyll's study and go inside?

- a They think Mr Jekyll is in trouble.
- b They want to find Jekyll's secret potion.
- c They want to get Mr Jekyll's secret documents.

C Match the words (1-8) with the chapters (a-d). (8x2=16 pts)

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| 1 ax: ___ | 2 burnt paper: ___ |
| 3 cane: ___ | 4 poison: ___ |
| 5 dinner party: ___ | 6 Mr Guest: ___ |
| 7 inspector: ___ | 8 Danvers Carew: ___ |

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| a Utterson and Dr Jekyll | b Murder in the Street |
| c Letter from Hyde | d The End of Mr Hyde |

D Who are these people? (6x3=18 pts)

- 1 ... sees Hyde change into Jekyll. _____
- 2 ... is always suspicious about Hyde. _____
- 3 ... goes to Lanyon's house for Jekyll's secret drawer. _____
- 4 ... is a witness to Hyde's murder. _____
- 5 ... sees Hyde coming out of the kitchen at nights. _____
- 6 ... gives Utterson Dr Lanyon's letter. _____

E Match the questions with the answers. (8x2=16 pts)

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| ___1 Why does Jekyll become social and often invite friends at the beginning? | a He becomes Hyde suddenly, without the potion. |
| ___2 Why do the police call Utterson to the scene of the murder in the street? | b They will hang him for being a murderer. |
| ___3 What happens when Jekyll is sitting in the park one day? | c He is afraid of becoming Hyde suddenly. |
| ___4 Why does Utterson think that Jekyll wrote Hyde's letter? | d He stops using the potion and doesn't become Hyde. |
| ___5 Why does Dr Jekyll shut himself in his study and never come out? | e He was wearing a mask. |
| ___6 Why does Dr Jekyll ask Lanyon's help? | f He has become Hyde and can't go home to his laboratory to get his drugs. |
| ___7 What will happen if the police find Hyde? | g The envelope in his pocket has his name on it. |
| ___8 Why didn't the maid see Hyde's face when he came out of the kitchen? | h It is Jekyll's own handwriting. |

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