

Honors English IV Summer Reading Assignment

“With every day, and from both sides of my intelligence, the moral and the intellectual, I thus drew steadily nearer to the truth, by whose partial discovery I have been doomed to such a dreadful shipwreck: that man is not truly one, but truly two.”

— Robert Louis Stevenson, *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*

In order to receive Honors credit for the course, you will be expected to read one novel and complete the accompanying assignments. This summer’s novel is The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. A summary of the novel is provided below.

Dr. Henry Jekyll believes in the duplicity of human nature, that every human being has both a good side and darker, more evil side. Using his scientific knowledge he creates a potion that he believes will separate his more moral self from the side with darker impulses. The potion does not work entirely as intended and there are consequences. The novel brings into question many assumption we have regarding our own humanity and the ethics of science.

The book is available digitally as a pdf document. It will be emailed to students wishing to receive Honors Credit. Students will be expected to read the novel in its entirety before completing each of the assignments. There will be no partial credit given. Each portion of the summer reading assignment must be completed for credit. A rubric is provided below with explanations for each portion of the assignment.

All parts of the summer reading assignment are due no later than Friday August 9th. Late work will not be accepted. Students who do not turn in their assignments by this date will not receive Honors Credit for the course. Additionally, students will be tested on material from the novel during the first two weeks of school. You must see me to schedule a time to take the test, it must be taken no later than Friday August 16th.

Required Assignments: Choose Option A or Option B (You must complete both parts of each option for full credit. Each portion is worth 50 points.)

Option A:

- Novel Vocabulary : Definitions and Sentences- Define each of the words in the attached document. Choose 20 of the words to write sentences with OR quote from the novel.
- Literary Analysis: Choose one of the provided themes and analyze the novel for evidence of the theme. Write a minimum three page essay connecting the theme to the novel. You must cite at least three examples of the theme from the text.

Option B:

- Chapter Journals: Use the attached document to complete a journal entry for every two chapters read. Entries should be a minimum of 100 words or ½ page double spaced. These can be completed on paper or a Google Doc.
- Choose one project from the list of projects. Explanations are provided for each.

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
Vocabulary Definitions and Sentences: Define each word

Chapter 1

Term	Definition	Sentence
austere		
catholicity		
coquetry		
emulously		
pedantically		

Chapter 2

Term	Definition	Sentence
balderdash		
conveyancing		
geniality		
troglydytic		

Chapter 3

Term	Definition	Sentence
contrived		
incoherency		
unobtrusive		

Chapter 4

Term	Definition	Sentence
conflagration		
disinterred		
insensate		
slatternly		

Chapter 5

Term	Definition	Sentence
carbuncles		
gaunt		
qualm		
ruminated		
sedulously		

Chapter 6

Term	Definition	Sentence
inscrutable		
ken		
stringent		

Chapter 7

Term	Definition	Sentence
disconsolate		
mien		

Chapter 8

Term	Definition	Sentence
doggedly		
exorbitant		
lamentation		
sedulous		

Chapter 9

Term	Definition	Sentence
disparity		
ebullition		
impediment		
parley		
turpitude		

Chapter 10

Term	Definition	Sentence
acquiescence		
avidity		
capacious		
irrevocably		
throes		

Journal Entries

#1: Story of the Door and Search for Mr. Hyde

What is the significance of the door in the first chapter? What could a door possibly represent? How do you think the door will be important as the story progresses?

#2: Dr. Jekyll was Quite at Ease and The Carew Murder Case

Briefly describe what the maid observes while looking out of the window. What evidence links Hyde to the murder other than the maid's testimony?

Why do you think the maid is only one of two female characters in the novel? If you were to view the novel as a feminist, what would the lack of female characters suggest to you?

#3: Incident of the Letter and Remarkable Incident of Dr. Lanyon

What are the contents of the letter that Jekyll shares with Utterson? What do you think the letter foreshadows? What does the letter reveal to the reader about the identity of Hyde?

#4: Incident at the Window and The Last Night

In these two chapters, the duality of Jekyll is revealed and the door once again plays a pivotal role. Consider the scene around the door to Jekyll's lab and all of those involved (Poole, Utterson, the maid, and Bradshaw). How do the actions of these characters, particularly Poole, further develop the symbolic value of doors in the novel? How does Stevenson bring the metaphor of the door "full circle" in this chapter?

#5: Dr. Lanyon's Narrative and Henry Jekyll's Full Statement on the Case

What is Jekyll's premise for conducting the experiment? What does he hope to achieve? How might Jekyll's quest reflect Stevenson's own life and poor health (you will have to research the author to accurately respond)?

Themes of the Novel: Choose one to write your literary analysis to.

- Science and the supernatural can be intertwined.
- Every man has a dual nature with one side morally good and another given to darker impulses.
- Secrets can lead to ruin.
- Every man represses a side of themselves from the world.

Project List: Choose one to complete.

1. Create a painting or sculpture that represents the dual nature of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.
2. Create a painting or sculpture that represents your own dual nature.
3. Research Multiple Personality Disorders/Dissociative Personality Disorders. Write a two page paper using correct MLA format, with a minimum of two sources, and include a correctly formatted Works Cited page.
4. Create a special effects style makeup transformation of the main character in the novel.
5. Create a Google Slides or Prezi on Victorian England (the people, events, culture, etc) and how Victorian England influenced the novel.
6. Create a storyboard of the major events of the novel. You must include at least ten major events.
7. Create a news report or newspaper article on the discovery of Dr. Jekyll's secret.
8. Create a soundtrack for Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde . You should have at least five songs each with an explanation for why you chose each song.
9. Create a social media profile for Jekyll and Hyde. You should have a profile picture for each, a friends list (movie and literary characters, political figures, and other well known people), at least five recent posts, and five pages they would follow.
10. Create a Dr. Phil style talk show with the host interviewing both Jekyll and Hyde.

Summer Reading Parent Acknowledgement

Signed Form Due: Thursday May 16th

Student Name: _____

Class: _____ Period: _____

I am aware that my child has received a copy of the summer reading assignments. I acknowledge that these assignments are due to Mrs. Mosley no later than Friday August 9th. Additionally, the comprehensive test on the novel must be taken no later than Friday August 16th. This is regardless of which semester my child is taking the course. I understand that my child must complete these assignments in order to remain in the Honors section of the course and receive Honors credit. Additionally, I will ensure that my child obtains a copy of the required reading through digital download, the public library, or purchase of the book. If I have any questions, I may reach out to Mrs. Mosley via email at cmosley@beargrasscharter.org.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____