



Jekyll and Hyde – Robert Louis Stevenson

Comprehension exercises

Read the story, then answer the questions.

CHAPTER 1

- 1 In what way is Mr Utterson a good friend?
- 2 What does Utterson do with Mr Enfield every Sunday?
- 3 What does Mr Enfield show Mr Utterson?
- 4 What happened to the little girl?
- 5 Where did the strange man get the money from?
- 6 How did Mr Enfield feel when he looked at Mr Hyde?

CHAPTER 2

- 1 What does Mr Utterson take from his safe?
- 2 Why is he troubled?
- 3 Who does Utterson go and see?
- 4 Why is this person annoyed with Dr Jekyll?
- 5 Utterson thinks that Hyde has power over Jekyll. In what way?
- 6 Where does Utterson meet Mr Hyde?
- 7 How are Dr Jekyll's house and Mr Hyde's door connected?

CHAPTER 3

- 1 Where does Utterson spend the evening?
- 2 What does Dr Jekyll think of Dr Lanyon's ideas?
- 3 What does Utterson promise Jekyll at the end of the chapter?

CHAPTER 4

- 1 Why does the crime shock the whole of London?
- 2 Who saw the murder happen?
- 3 Who murders Sir Danvers Carew and how?
- 4 Where does Utterson take the police officer?
- 5 What do the men find behind a door and what does this prove?
- 6 How much money does Hyde have in his bank account?
- 7 Why is it difficult for the police to find Hyde?

CHAPTER 5

- 1 Utterson visits Jekyll but he isn't well. Why not?
- 2 What does Jekyll show Utterson?
- 3 What does Mr Guest, the clerk, realise?
- 4 Why does this trouble Utterson?

CHAPTER 6

- 1 What does Jekyll start to do again, now that Hyde has gone?
- 2 But then what happens from 12 January?
- 3 Why does Dr Lanyon die?
- 4 What does Utterson put in his safe?
- 5 Where does Jekyll spend his time, according to Poole?

CHAPTER 7

- 1 Where do Utterson and Enfield go on their Sunday stroll?
- 2 Who do they see?
- 3 What is that person's mood?
- 4 What freezes the blood of Utterson and Enfield?

CHAPTER 8

- 1 Who comes to Utterson's house?
- 2 What is that person afraid of?
- 3 Why are Jekyll's servants standing around the fireplace?
- 4 What is strange about the voice that Utterson hears from the study?
- 5 What does Poole think has happened?
- 6 What is written on the notes that Poole keeps getting?
- 7 What does Poole do with the axe?
- 8 Who do the men find in the study?
- 9 How is the new will different from the old will?

CHAPTER 9

- 1 What does Jekyll ask Lanyon to get from his study?
- 2 Who comes to Dr Lanyon's house?
- 3 What happens to that person while he is there?
- 4 How does Lanyon feel about it?

CHAPTER 10

- 1 What did Jekyll hide when he was younger?
- 2 What did he become interested in studying?
- 3 What does the potion do?
- 4 Does he enjoy being Hyde? Why (not)?
- 5 What happens while Jekyll is sat in a park and while he's sleeping?
- 6 How does Hyde feel about Jekyll?
- 7 Why can't Jekyll transform back into himself anymore?
- 8 How does Hyde die and why?

THE COMPLETE STORY

Now answer these questions about the story. Explain your answers.

- Which character do you like the most?
- Which character do you find the most interesting?
- What is your favourite part of the story?
- Did you guess who Hyde was? If so, when exactly?
- Why is Mr Hyde called that?
- Do you like the ending? Can you think of a different ending?
- Do you have good and bad sides to your personality? Describe them.