



Canterbury High School
Grade 12 World Literature
Summer Reading Questions

This assignment is due after we return to school in August. You will have the opportunity on the first day of class to get help, so if you have trouble, leave the question blank, and wait to finish. If you have questions about this assignment, you can [email Ms. Crupi](#).

Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

1. Describe each of the secondary characters, Utterson, Enfield, Lanyon, and Poole. For each, include three specific details and one relevant quote.
2. List the different settings in the story. Write a short paragraph for each, with a specific quote, explaining how you think that particular setting contributes to the atmosphere and themes of the novel.
3. Find three passages in which evil is described, defined, or suggested. Write a paragraph of at least 250 words explaining how evil is viewed in the novel.
4. Compare *Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* with *Heart of Darkness* or *Frankenstein*. Make a list of at least five bullet points that outline your comparison.
5. Consider the passage in which Jekyll theorizes about why Hyde is “less developed and less robust” than Jekyll. Summarize Jekyll’s theory and write a paragraph responding to this idea.
6. Find a leitmotif in the novel. Cite at least six textual examples and write a few sentences of explanation.
7. Why does Jekyll make his experiment?
8. What is the novel saying about the quest for scientific knowledge? Do you think that there should be limits on scientific knowledge?
9. Write a paragraph defining evil. Do you think that evil actually exists? Some people might say that all abhorrent acts can be attributed to insanity or environment--do you agree? Give three examples in your answer.
10. Find a passage that is a philosophical reflection. Write a paragraph in response to the passage. Do you agree or disagree with the ideas in the passage? What examples of the ideas exist in the world today?

Marianne

1. Marianne is seen as strange by her community. Using three quotes from the text, explain why she is “strange.”
2. As we shall discuss during the year, the concept of marriage was debated and redefined during the 19th century. What issues concerning marriage are suggested in this novel? Use at least three pieces of text in your answer.
3. Describe the setting of the novel, using at least three passages. Explain at least one way in which setting is significant.
4. Pierre’s thinking about Marianne is sometimes contradictory. Explain.
5. Briefly discuss gender issues in the novel, using two quotes.
6. How are financial circumstances and money important in the novel?
7. Find a leitmotif in the novel. Cite at least three textual examples and write a few sentences of explanation.
8. Statistics suggest that Americans are marrying less often, and marrying later. However, the average cost of a wedding today is more than \$35,000. Write a list of four bullet points comparing attitudes toward marriage today and those in the novel.
9. Compare the characters of Pierre and Philippe. Write a brief paragraph explaining three ways in which they are similar.
10. Consider social class in the novel. List three specific indicators of social class in the novel and explain.