

11th Grade Summer Book Report #1

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Book Report #1: Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson

Assignment for Book One: Times new roman, 12 sized font, double spaced (*3 pages minimum*)

- Throughout the course of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, many characters face the choice to either adhere to the socially-approved constructs of dignity and reason or succumb to the **Temptation of Curiosity**. The “curiosities” featured in the novella range from an interest in mysticism and the supernatural to unexplored behaviors, both of which present a direct challenge to the Victorian ethics that serve as the narrative’s backdrop. This rigid moral code, which emphasizes the importance of a respectable public identity, personal repression, and preserving order, heightens the degree of temptation that an exploration of the unknown can invite. The notion of temptation itself even goes against Victorian sensibilities as it involves giving in to some form of internal desire. Now Dr Jekyll was a very curious person. He had to be, to venture to depths of unknown science where no one had gone before. Do you agree with his need to feed his curiosity? Was this something he should have done once the theory of this idea was born in his mind? Could this have been avoided? What was he hoping to achieve and how did he fail or succeed in that with his results? Are men like Dr Jekyll needed to further expand our knowledge of the unknown even if it is at the expense of others? You are to write a critical analysis of this story answering all these questions and bringing your own insights and perspectives of how this narrative was written and the lessons it taught you. Use quotes in the story to prove your points and strengthen your argument.

Essay Rubric

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Organization	A proper flow of an introduction, body, and conclusion in your essay.	Somewhat of an introduction, body, and conclusion in your essay.	No flow and/or no introduction, body, or conclusion in your essay.
Spelling and Grammar	No mistakes in spelling and grammar.	Some mistakes in spelling and grammar.	A lot of mistakes in spelling and grammar.
Vocabulary	Used a lot of vocabulary words that you learned from the book.	Used some vocabulary words that you learned in class or from the book.	Used little to no vocabulary words that you learned from the book.
Usage of Text	Was able to find proper examples from the book and reference and relate them to their points.	Used an example from the book but didn’t completely succeed at relating it to the point / Wasn’t able to properly reference the example.	Used little to no examples from the book or used an example but it did not fit what the essay prompt was asking you to look for.