

11th Grade Summer Reading Essay Assignment

BOOK: The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
by Robert Louis Stevenson

Essay Prompt (Choose ONE)

Option 1: Duality of Human Nature

Analyze how Stevenson explores the idea that people have both good and evil sides. Explain how this idea is developed through Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, and what Stevenson suggests about human nature.

Option 2: Secrecy and Consequences

Analyze how secrecy affects the characters and events in the novella. Explain how hidden identities and private actions lead to conflict and ultimately destruction.

Option 3: Science and Morality

Analyze how Stevenson presents the dangers of scientific experimentation without moral limits. Explain how Dr. Jekyll's actions reflect broader concerns about ambition and responsibility.

Requirements

- 2–3 pages, typed
- Clear thesis statement in the introduction
- At least 4 direct quotes from the text
- Strong explanation of how each quote supports your argument
- Formal tone (no casual language or plot summary)

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