

*The Strange Case of
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*

ANALYSIS QUESTIONS

CHAPTER 9

DR. LANYON'S NARRATIVE

1. What caused Lanyon to become mortally ill? How do we know that Lanyon was so vulnerable to shock? Has Stevenson sufficiently prepared us for the disastrous effect of Jekyll's revelations? Why did Stevenson need to kill Lanyon off for purposes of plot?
2. Why did Jekyll want to reveal his transformation to Dr. Lanyon?

CHAPTER 10

HENRY JEKYLL'S FULL STATEMENT OF THE CASE

1. What led to Dr. Jekyll's "profound duplicity of life"? What does Jekyll say about his youth in the letter to Utterson? How do the actions of his youth lead him to his experiments with the transforming drug?
2. What does Jekyll mean when he says that man is "truly two" and that "in the agonized womb of consciousness, these polar twins should be continuously struggling?"
3. Why did Jekyll enjoy being Hyde? In other words, what aspects of Hyde's persona were attractive to Jekyll? Was Jekyll ever able not to feel guilty for the sins of Hyde? Why or why not?
4. What are the main reasons that Jekyll tries to cast off his Hyde nature forever? Why does Jekyll's lower nature come to dominate him?
5. Why does Hyde commit suicide?