

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

“Search for Mr. Hyde”
analysis questions

1. What prior knowledge did Utterson fail to share with his friend Enfield before they shook hands? What do both the secret and his “offen[se]” and “indignation” suggest?
2. How does Utterson’s “Search for Mr. Hyde” reinforce his complexity as conveyed by the narrator’s characterization of him in the last 3 sentences of the novel’s first paragraph?
3. Select six diction choices and/or images that illustrate the consternation Utterson experiences in this chapter.
4. Briefly research the classical myth of Damon and Pythias. With this allusion, what does Stevenson suggest about the relationship between Jekyll and Lanyon?
5. Make a list of textual details (from chapters 1 & 2) that provide information about Hyde and his effect on others.
6. Why does the chapter begin and end with Jekyll’s will? How does this element provide foreshadowing?
7. Identify connections to 19th century ideologies (-ism).