

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

“Incident of the Letter”

analysis questions

1. Examine the setting established at the beginning of this chapter. What do the details about Jekyll's laboratory suggest (especially about connections with setting elements in other chapters)?
2. How is Jekyll characterized in this chapter, in comparison to the depiction of him in "Dr. Jekyll Was Quite at Ease"? (Look particularly for parallel statements within these two chapters.) What has changed and why?
3. In what ways does the indirect characterization of Utterson (through his words and actions) reinforce the direct characterization in the first paragraph of the novella?
4. How do minor characters Poole and Guest play pivotal roles in the novella's plot development?
5. What motifs (door, key, documents) reappear in this chapter and why?
6. Identify connections to 19<sup>th</sup> century ideologies (-ism).