

Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde

Robert Louis Stevenson

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TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Utterson finally sees Hyde
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FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

Use the Anchor Text Table of Contents in the Enhanced Reader to open the START anchor. Then use the dropdown to select the END anchor.

SECTION / LOCATION	Search for Mr. Hyde
START	“If he be Mr. Hyde,” he had thought, “I shall be Mr. Seek.”
END	The other snarled aloud into a savage laugh; and the next moment, with extraordinary quickness, he had unlocked the door and disappeared into the house.
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THE MOVE

Compare expectation with direct observation

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Utterson has built Hyde in his imagination from stories, legal anxiety, and a name. Seeing Hyde gives him real evidence, but the encounter does not produce simple clarity; it replaces fantasy with a disturbing physical impression he still struggles to explain.

MARK

Underline what Utterson expects or imagines before meeting Hyde. Circle the details he can directly observe during the encounter. Put a star beside the observation that feels strongest but remains hardest to explain.

NOTICE

- What assumptions about Hyde exist before Utterson sees him?
- Which observations confirm those assumptions, and which remain strangely vague?
- Why does direct observation reduce one kind of uncertainty while creating another?

THINK

Answer provisionally: What changes once Utterson can replace an imagined Hyde with a person he has actually seen? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: What changes once Utterson can replace an imagined Hyde with a person he has actually seen? Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and explain why.

STRONG ANSWER	Seeing Hyde replaces Utterson's fantasy with direct evidence, but the encounter creates a different uncertainty: Hyde is physically present yet still hard to describe precisely. Observation narrows the mystery without resolving it.
EVIDENCE	Contrast what Utterson imagines beforehand with the concrete details he notices once Hyde appears, including the persistent sense of deformity without a clear feature to name.
WATCH FOR	Do not claim seeing Hyde makes Utterson certain about who he is. It changes the kind of uncertainty.
SOLO	Read the exact passage independently.
SUPPORTED	Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.
LISTENING	Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.

STUDENT PAGE · SAME PASSAGE, SAME THINKING

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OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

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3. **THINK** - Answer provisionally: What changes once Utterson can replace an imagined Hyde with a person he has actually seen?
4. **WRITE** - Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.

Use evidence from the assigned passage. Show what you noticed and how the text supports your interpretation.