RAISING ACHIEVEMENT · JEKYLL AND HYDE · DRILL 1

Mr Hyde, I think?

Hyde

Today: how Stevenson presents Hyde when Utterson meets him for the first time

30 minutes

Do Now

Know

1. What is Mr Utterson’s job?
2. On which day of the week do Utterson and Enfield take their walks?
3. In Chapter 1, how much money does Hyde agree to pay the girl’s family?
4. In which city is the novella mostly set?
5. Which document in Utterson’s safe worries him at the start of Chapter 2?

Do Now: answers

Know

1. What is Mr Utterson's job?
   He is a lawyer.

2. On which day of the week do Utterson and Enfield take their walks?
   Sunday

3. In Chapter 1, how much money does Hyde agree to pay the girl's family?
   A hundred pounds

4. In which city is the novella mostly set?
   London

5. Which document in Utterson's safe worries him at the start of Chapter 2?
   Dr Jekyll's will, which leaves everything to Edward Hyde

Focus reminder

Know

What the Jekyll and Hyde question asks you to do

Start with the extract: find two or three short quotations about Hyde.

Write “Stevenson presents Hyde as…”. Hyde is a character Stevenson built, so write about choices.

Then move to the novel as a whole: where else is Hyde frightening or strange?

Say why: what did Stevenson want his readers in 1886 to fear?

Utterson meets Hyde

Read

Robert Louis Stevenson · 1886 · Chapter 2 (Search for Mr Hyde)

Mr. Utterson stepped out and touched him on the shoulder as he passed.
“Mr. Hyde, I think?”
Mr. Hyde shrank back with a hissing intake of the breath. But his fear was only momentary; and though he did not look the lawyer in the face, he answered coolly enough: “That is my name. What do you want?”
“I see you are going in,” returned the lawyer. “I am an old friend of Dr. Jekyll’s – Mr. Utterson of Gaunt Street – you must have heard of my name; and meeting you so conveniently, I thought you might admit me.”
“You will not find Dr. Jekyll; he is from home,” replied Mr. Hyde, blowing in the key. And then suddenly, but still without looking up, “How did you know me?” he asked.
“On your side,” said Mr. Utterson “will you do me a favour?”
“With pleasure,” replied the other. “What shall it be?”
“Will you let me see your face?” asked the lawyer.
Mr. Hyde appeared to hesitate, and then, as if upon some sudden reflection, fronted about with an air of defiance; and the pair stared at each other pretty fixedly for a few seconds. “Now I shall know you again,” said Mr. Utterson. “It may be useful.”