

Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde

Chapter 9 – Dr. Lanyon's Narrative

1. Dr. Lanyon receives a letter from Jekyll - what does it say? (p 21)

1. "Confident as I am that you will not trifle with this appeal, my heart sinks and my hand trembles at the bare thought of such a possibility."

2. Lanyon does what he is told and goes to get 'the thing' – what is it? (p 22)

1. "How could the presence of these articles in my house affect either the honour, the sanity, or the life of my flighty colleague?"

3. Hyde arrives at Lanyon's house. What impression does he make on Lanyon? (p 22)

1. "I was struck besides with the shocking expression of his face, with his remarkable combination of great muscular activity and great apparent debility of constitution"

4. How does Hyde behave at first? (p 23)

1. "What you say is very well founded; and my impatience has shown its heels to my politeness"

5. Hyde makes the mixture and offers Lanyon a choice. Which? (p 23)

1. "(..) or has the greed of curiosity too much command of you? Think before you answer, for it shall be done as you decide."

6. Hyde drinks the mixture – what happens and how does Lanyon react? (p 23-24)

1. "(..) and as I looked there came, I thought, a change – he seemed to swell – his face became suddenly black and the features seemed to melt and alter .. "

7. Afterwards Lanyon is shaken – why? (p 24)

1. "My life is shaken to its roots; sleep has left me (..) and yet I shall die incredulous."

8. "At the time, I set it down to some idiosyncratic, personal distaste, and merely wondered at the acuteness of the symptoms; but I have since had reason to believe the cause to lie much deeper in the nature of man, and to turn on some nobler hinge than the principle of hatred." (page 22, right)
- explain, please