The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde

Chapter 5: Incident of the Letter

Discussion Questions
The following questions highlight the important aspects of chapter 5. We will be discussing these issues in class and they will be important for your overall understanding of the text as well as your performance on the final test. Please complete them and use them to aid you in our class discussion.

1. In this chapter, Utterson sees a part of Jekyll’s home for the first time. Which part of the home does he visit? Describe at least five details about the room. How is Stevenson once again using setting to give us details about a character’s traits?

2. Dr. Jekyll seems to have changed since we last saw him. Describe the change.

3. In this chapter, what is Utterson’s main question for Jekyll? What is Jekyll’s response?

4. Utterson asks Jekyll, “Was it Hyde who dictated the terms in your will about your disappearance?” What is Jekyll’s response? What does this mean to you?

5. Who is Mr. Guest? What does he have to say about the letter from Hyde and the dinner invitation Utterson receives from Jekyll?

6. Critics often complain that Utterson repeatedly misreads the facts and comes to the wrong conclusions throughout the story. What misinterpretation do you think he makes in this chapter?
Active Reading
Think back to the chart and illustration you completed using the details in chapter 4. Go back and review the descriptive details in chapter five. Use the chart below to record how Stevenson creates atmosphere, reveals characters, and communicates emotions when describing our first view of Jekyll’s laboratory.

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Illustration
Now, using the details you selected above, draw an illustration of the Jekyll’s laboratory. Include setting details described in the text and all specifics which create the atmosphere. USE COLOR.
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Chapter 6: Remarkable Incident of Dr. Lanyon and Chapter 7: Incident at the Window

Discussion Questions
The following questions highlight the important aspects of chapters 6&7. We will be discussing these issues in class and they will be important for your overall understanding of the text as well as your performance on the final test. Please complete them and use them to aid you in our class discussion.

1. What have the police discovered about Mr. Hyde? Where is he now?

2. What has been happening to Dr. Jekyll at the start of chapter 6? Describe the ways in which he has changed.

3. What happens to Dr. Lanyon? What do you think may have caused his illness? What evidence or proof do you have?

4. On page 24, Utterson makes an important decision not to open the letter until “after the death or disappearance of Dr. Jekyll.” What do you think of this decision?

5. What happened when Utterson and Enfield were at Jekyll’s window? Why do you think Utterson muttered “God forgive us” afterward?