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Age 14

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

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### Thesis and Sources

#### Thesis Statement #1

The author, Robert Louis Stevens, suggests in his book *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, one cannot separate the two wills within a person, but the good can be removed and this is demonstrated through Dr. Jekyll's failed experiment to separate the good and bad within a person.

#### 3-Sentence Quotations

Dr. Jekyll was telling Mr. Utterson, through a letter, what the theory behind his experiments was. "...that man is not truly one, but truly I say two, because the state of my own knowledge does not pass beyond the point... If each, I told myself, could but be housed in separate identities" (Stevenson 43). Dr. Jekyll's idea was that he could separate the good and the bad within a person into two separate people, but still be one person.

Dr. Jekyll makes a potion that should divide the wills inside him and drinks it and is now looking at his new self, Mr. Hyde. "And Edward Hyde alone, in the ranks of mankind, was pure evil" (45). Even when Dr. Jekyll drinks the potion he cannot make two different, separate people but can only remove one of his moral senses, which changed his outer appearance.

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**Commented [2]:** Omit comma

**Commented [3]:** Why do you think this is? Do you think Stevens gives an answer to this question in the text?

This is a great direction for your thesis! See if you can further explain, however. Why can't evil be removed? Why is it only the good that can dissipate?

**Commented [4]:** Feel free to break your thesis statement into two sentences. This will help the grammatical structure and also give you more space to articulate your point.

**Commented [5]:** Remember to keep your "voice" in the present tense... this will make the sentence more persuasive to your readers.

**Commented [6]:** Why is Dr. Jekyll motivated to do this? A brief explanation of this will be helpful in a full essay before this particular point is made.

**Commented [7]:** This explanation might give your reader some confusion -- see the highlighted sentence above -- does he accomplish what he sets out to do in the sense that he creates two separate people "in one person"?

Is this the technical point you are trying to emphasize here? Or is there something about the morality you'd like to highlight?

**Commented [8]:** Yes, good point here!

**Commented [9]:** Remember to keep your "voice" in the present tense... this will make the sentence more persuasive to your readers.

Mr. Hyde at the end of the book hates that he still has to return to Dr. Jekyll “The hatred of Hyde for Jekyll was of a different order” (53). This showed how the experiment failed because he created hate even within his good side of Dr. Jekyll.

### Thesis Statement #2

Dr. Jekyll's failed experiment of trying to separate the two consciences suggests in the book *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevens, if a person falls for a temptation they cannot stop without outside help, like from a friend.

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**Commented [11]:** This is such an interesting theme to explore! Why is true? Is Stevens saying something about human nature? What might that be?

### 3-Sentence Quotations

Mr. Richard Enfield was telling Mr. Utterson how he saw Mr. Hyde trample a young girl in the street, though he did not know it was also Dr. Jekyll. “Well, sir, the two ran into one another naturally enough at the corner; and then came the horrible part of the thing; for the man trampled calmly over the child’s body and left her screaming on the ground” (Stevenson 2). This was the one of the first wrong doings and Mr. Hyde loved it.

**Commented [12]:** What about the text gives us this impression? See if you can pull a specific detail to support this claim.

Dr. Jekyll was trying to repent and turn away from Mr. Hyde, which he managed to do for a short time. “For two months, however, I [Dr. Jekyll] was true to my determination; for two months I led a life of such severity as I had never before attained to” (49). Dr Jekyll tries to get himself out of the sin of Mr. Hyde on his own strength and it works for a time.

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Dr Jekyll could not stay way from Mr. Hyde forever and gives into temptation and his first act is to murder. “Instanly the spirit of hell awoke in me and rage. With a transport of glee, I mauled the unresisting body, tasting delight for every blow” (49). Dr Jekyll could not stop the lust for sin and after a two month hiatus of being Jekyll, he becomes Mr. Hyde and gleefully commits murder.

**Commented [14]:** Why does his "determination" fail?

Great work on these, {STUDENT}! I think both are solid options for an essay, but I think I find the second one most unique. Let me know if you have questions or need clarifications about my comments. I look forward to seeing your essay take shape!

Feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns, especially during my Friday office hour at 1:00PM to 2:00PM.

<b><u>Grading Rubric</u></b>	
<u>Thesis</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Supports</u>	<u>2.75</u>
<u>Structure</u>	
<u>Mechanics</u>	
<u>Style</u>	
<u>% Grade</u>	<u>78.75</u>