Worksheet 7 - Sex and Sexuality

Review: Lecture 6: The Incident Of The Window

Who wrote 'The Interpretation of Dreams', in which he argued that dreams are the result of unconscious forces?

Recall: Lecture 7: Sex and Sexuality

Answer these questions after watching the video lecture to check how much you remember.

- 1. How many named female characters are there in the novel?
 - a) 0
- c) 2
- b) 1
- d) 3
- 2. Dr Pittard discusses the quotation from Chapter 10: 'the yellow light of a mid-London morning'. What does he say is a possible connotation of the colour 'yellow'?
 - a) Sickness
- c) Decadence
- b) Madness
- d) Depression
- 3. Which German psychiatrist published a book on sexual deviance the same year the novel was published?
 - a) Kurt Schneider
- c) Carl Wilhelm Ideler
- b) Robert Gaupp
- d) Richard von Krafft-Ebing

Analysis

4. Re-read the following quotations from the novel. Annotate each one, looking for key words and techniques, and explaining their effects – how do they show us that Hyde is not only a manifestation of Jekyll's subconscious, but also perhaps hidden sexual desires?

"Within I was conscious of a heady recklessness, a current of disordered sensual images..." (p. 57)

"None the less natural to me because they were the expression of... lower elements in my soul." (p 57)

"And bade a resolute farewell to...the leaping pulses and secret pleasures that I had enjoyed in the disguise of Hyde." (p. 63)

"Thence I set out through the lamplit streets, in the same divided ecstasy of mind..." (p. 64)

Evaluation

5. Read this article that summarises critic Elaine Showalter's argument that Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde is about repressed homosexuality: https://owlcation.com/humanities/Was-Dr-Jekyll-Gav-A-Scholar-Believes-So

- a) Write down at least 5 things that you learn from this article.
- b) Do you agree with Showalter's interpretation of the novel? Why / why not? Try to use quotations to back up your argument and write at least a paragraph.

Glossary

- Engender Cause or create.
 e.g. The issue was bound to engender controversy.
- **Physiological** Relating to living things, often associated with the body. e.g. The doctor couldn't find any physiological reason for her headaches.
- **Contemporary** Living or occurring at the same time; belonging to or occurring in the present. e.g. He was a contemporary of Darwin's.
- **Subordinated** Lower in rank or position; or someone who is under the authority or control of someone else.
 - e.g. A private is subordinate to a corporal.
- **Misogynist** A person who dislikes, despises, or is strongly against women. e.g. It was clear from his sexist rants that he was a misogynist.