

English 11 Summer Reading

Reading Material

For your summer project, you will need to read *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson.

If reading alongside an audiobook will help you, you are welcome to use an audiobook as well as your physical book. Be prepared to bring the physical copy of the book and your annotations with you the first week of school.

Annotation Guide

English studies in junior year focus upon systems of control as well as manifestations of monstrosity on both the literal and figurative level. While you are reading and annotating your text, focus on the following thematic ideas and literary elements:

- Elements related to the nature of humanity and human behavior
- Elements related to societal expectations, including rebellions against the societal order
- Elements related to corruption at both the individual and societal level
- Elements related to identity and transformation
- Attempts by characters to control the environment
- Exploration of monstrosity within the characters or world at large
- Significant symbolism and metaphor related to human nature

Annotations are due on the first day of school. Be prepared to complete an assessment on the novella within the first week of the new school year as well as a writing assignment about the novella.

If you have any questions over the summer, please e-mail Ms. Paluch (cpaluch@stjohnschs.org).

