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### ***The Picture of Dorian Gray* GRQs for Chapters 1-10**

#### **Chapter 1**

1. Why won't Basil Hallward display the painting he is working on?
2. What are the differences in personality between Lord Henry Watton and Basil Hallward?
3. What does Basil ask of Lord Henry at the end of the chapter?

#### **Chapter 2**

4. Who insists that Lord Henry stay during Dorian Gray's sitting?
5. What does Lord Henry mean when he says, "We are punished for our refusals. Every impulse that we strive to strangle broods in the mind and poisons us."
6. What effect does Lord Henry have on Dorian?
7. What could Lord Henry mean when he says, "Nothing can cure the soul but the senses, just as nothing can cure the senses but the soul?"
8. According to Lord Henry, what is the one thing worth having?
9. What does Dorian realize when he gazes upon Basil's masterpiece?
10. For what would Dorian give his soul?
11. What does Dorian ask for, "as though he was praying?"

#### **Chapter 3**

12. What happened to Dorian Gray's parents?
13. What is so "terribly enthralling" to Lord Henry about his new relationship with Dorian Gray?
14. Who does Dorian Gray neglect at the end of the chapter?

#### **Chapter 4**

15. With whom is Dorian Gray in love?
16. Who voices will Dorian Gray never forget?
17. What surprising news does Lord Henry get at the end of the chapter?

#### **Chapter 5**

18. What does Sibyl Vane call Dorian Gray?

19. What is James Vane worried about?
20. Where is James Vane headed?
21. What is the oath that James Vane swears?
22. What does James learn near the end of the chapter?

## **Chapter 6**

23. What does it tell you about Lord Henry when he says, speaking about Sibyl Vane, "she is better than good--- she is beautiful?"
24. What does Lord Henry say is the real drawback to the marriage?
25. What is Lord Henry saying when he tells Dorian, "To be good is to be in harmony with one's self?"
26. What is Basil's concern with what Lord Henry says in question 4?
27. Why do you think Basil "felt that Dorian Gray would never again be to him all that he had been in the past" at the end of the chapter?

## **Chapter 7**

28. Dorian takes Basil and Lord Henry to see Sibyl play Juliet. What is different about her performance?
29. What is Sibyl's explanation for her change in performance?
30. How does Dorian react to Sibyl's performance and to her explanation?
31. What difference does Dorian discover in Basil's portrait when he returns home?
32. Why does this discovery fascinate Dorian so much?
33. What causes Dorian to begin thinking that he may have been cruel to Sibyl?
34. What is Dorian resolved to do by the end of the chapter?

## **Chapter 8**

35. How does Dorian think Basil's portrait has helped him and will continue to help him?
36. Why does Dorian let Lord Henry into his home despite vowing to rid himself of his influence?
37. What news does Lord Henry bring?
38. What bothers Dorian about his own reaction to Lord Henry's news?
39. Dorian says of Sibyl, "She had atoned for everything by the sacrifice she had made of her life." Who is she supposed to have wronged?
40. Compare Dorian's resolution from the end of Chapter 7 to his plan at the end of Chapter 8.

## Chapter 9

41. How does Dorian hope to interact with his own emotions?
42. For what does Basil say that he, himself, is punished?
43. How does Dorian, echoing Lord Henry, believe that one can escape the suffering of life?
44. Why does Dorian threaten to never to speak to Basil again?
45. What is Dorian afraid that Basil might know?
46. What decision does Dorian make at the end of the chapter?

## **Chapter 10**

47. Fill in the blank: "What the \_\_\_\_\_ was to the \_\_\_\_\_, his sins would be to the painted image on the canvas."
48. What regret does Dorian have about his conversation with Basil?
49. Why doesn't Dorian have his own servants carry the portrait up to his old schoolroom?
50. What does "death by misadventure" mean?
51. Describe the poisonous book that Lord Henry gives to Dorian.