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The Picture of Dorian Gray GRQs for Chapters 16-20

Chapter 16

1. How is Dorian aiming to cure his soul by means of his senses?
2. Fill in the blanks: "There were _____ dens where one could buy _____, dens of horror where the memory of old sins could be destroyed by the madness of sins that were new."
3. Dorian believes that forgiveness is impossible, so what does he do about his sins in order to soothe his wounded soul?
4. What is happening at Dorian's destination?
5. Who is Adrian Singleton? What has replaced his former friends?
6. By what nickname is Dorian Gray called? Hint: It's not Prince Charming.
7. Who seizes Dorian Gray as he leaves Adrian Singleton behind?
8. How does Dorian Gray try to trick his attacker? Does it work?
9. What does Dorian's attacker learn at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 17

10. What are Lord Henry's uncomplicated beliefs about art, love, religion, and skepticism?
11. Fill in the blanks spoken by Dorian: "I have never searched for happiness. Who wants happiness? I have searched for _____."
12. Explain the quotation, "a burnt child loves fire."
13. What causes Dorian to faint at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 18

14. How does Dorian try to convince himself that his sins are not coming back to haunt him?
15. What does it mean when a group of ultra-wealthy 19th century Englishman "join a shooting party?"
16. What terrible accident occurs during the day's shoot?
17. Who does Lord Henry blame for the accident?
18. For what sin does Lord Henry say there is no forgiveness?
19. What is Dorian's response when Lord Henry says, "There is no one who would not be delighted to change places with you?"
20. Dorian says, "I wish I could love." What is keeping him from loving?

21. What shocking discovery does Dorian make at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 19

22. Dorian has decided, for the time since he decided to marry Sibyl Vane, that he will be good. What does he see as his first good act?

23. How does Lord Henry see Dorian's good act?

24. Forgetting about Basil's disappearance, what have the London gossips move on to?

25. Why doesn't Lord Henry believe that Dorian could have killed Basil?

26. Why does Lord Henry say that "murder is always a mistake?"

27. What biblical quotation does Lord Henry startle Dorian with?

28. Fill in the blanks: "The _____ is a terrible reality. It can be bought, and sold, and bartered away. It can be poisoned, or made perfect. There is a _____ in each one of us. I know it."

29. What is Dorian's response when Lord Henry tells Dorian that is he "still the same?"

Chapter 20

30. Who is Dorian referring to when he says, "She knew nothing, but she had everything that he had lost?"

31. Fill in the blanks: "He knew that he had tarnished himself, filled his mind with corruption and given horror to his fancy; that he had been an evil influence on others, and had experienced a terrible joy in being so; and that the lives that had crossed his own, it had been the fairest and the most full of promise that he had brought to shame. But was it all _____? Was there no _____ for him?"

32. What does Dorian regret asking for?

33. What does it tell you when Dorian says, "Not 'Forgive us our sins' but 'Smite us for our iniquities' should be the prayer of a man to a most just God?"

34. What is it that Dorian is "waiting for?"

35. What is Dorian hoping for when he goes up to his old schoolroom to view his portrait?

36. What does Dorian believe could cleanse him? Will he go through with it?

37. What happens to Dorian when he tries to kill his conscience?