

Comparing Kurtz & Mr Hyde

What? To compare Kurtz and Mr Hyde, linking both to the idea of 'savagery'.

How?

- 1) Think back to when you studied Jekyll & Hyde. Create a mind-map using the information on slide 2 of everything you can remember about the character of Hyde.
- 2) Look at the specific quotes from the novel about Mr Hyde on slide 3 write some notes in your book (like the example given) as to what these quotes might reveal about Mr Hyde's character and answer the questions in the yellow box.
- 3) Using your notes from this lesson so far and last lesson to write a summary of the two characters. Use the sentence starters provided on slide 6 to support you.
- 4) Answer the questions on slide 7 in your book to add more detail to your analysis of the two characters.
- 5) On slide 8 is a model of the table you need to complete. Starting it this lesson, and completing it next lesson, you need to fill in the 'point and evidence' boxes for each comparison, use quotes from the extracts you have been given if possible.

Why? Bridging the gap between GCSE and A Level, it is important to see how different factors in the historical period can influence more than one novel at the time. By comparing these two characters, pupils are able to make links between the two novels and the context within which they were written.

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Task: Think back to when you studied 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde'.

What can you remember about the character of Mr Hyde?

Create a mind map of everything you remember about this character.



For help remembering the plot, watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=USY7YSVDNVY>

Analysing Mr Hyde – A re-cap



Task: Look at the quotations below from the novel that describe Mr Hyde and answer the questions in the yellow box!

"There is something wrong with his appearance; something displeasing, something **downright detestable**. I never saw a man **so disliked**."

"with **ape-like** fury, he was trampling his victim under foot and hailing down a storm of blows"

What do these words show you about Mr Hyde?

What is it that makes him so hated by the people around him?

Using these quotes, could you draw a picture of Mr Hyde?

Here is an example of one:

"the other **snarled** aloud into a **savage** laugh"

The word 'snarled' suggests an evil sound that an animal might make. Usually they make this sound when they are threatened.

The word 'savage' suggests something prehistoric or unevolved.

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Task:

Using all the information we have gathered so far, write a quick summary of each character.

Consider their personality, what makes them tick, how they react around others, what behaviours they show.



Hyde is a violent character who is the creation of Dr Jekyll's most intimate desires. He is part of Dr Jekyll's personality....

Kurtz is a mysterious character who we only meet at the end of the novel. Until then, we learn about his personality through a character called Marlow. Kurtz has been living in the African jungle...



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Develop your analysis of these two characters further.

Try to answer these questions in your books.

Can you identify any similarities between the two men?

Why do both men become 'savage'?

Who controls the two men?

Both men start out as respectable, what does this suggest about them?

How does the writer use language to describe their behaviour?

What does the author's choice of language reveal about both characters' personalities?



You will need to use your notes from your last two lessons to help you.

Task: Now you have some initial ideas as to how you can compare the two characters.

Create a table like the one below of your three main points of comparison for the two characters.

I have added the comparisons for you, please add the evidence and the point for each one.
The point should tell me **how or why** that comparison applies to that character.

We will add the analysis during the next lesson so leave this blank.

	Comparison 1 – Both men start off civilised		Comparison 2 – Both men are outside of Victorian society.		Comparison 3 – No one can control them, they don't have to follow orders.	
	Point & Evidence	Analysis	Point & Evidence	Analysis	Point & Evidence	Analysis
Mr Hyde	Hyde begins as just an idea of Dr Jekyll who is a respected man in society. "I had been safe of all men's respect'.					
Kurtz	Kurtz was respected by his colleagues in Victorian London who respected him. "First-class agent" "in charge of a trading point"					