



## 10th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Text: *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde  
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Students should prepare answers to the following questions after reading and annotating the text. Answers should be thorough and include references from the text to support his/her conclusions.

1. In the preface, Wilde states that all art is useless. Explain what he means by this statement.
  - a. What is the connection of the preface to the story itself?
2. Evaluate the character of Lord Henry. Is he a serious character? What is his role in the novel?
3. Why does Dorian believe his corruption is both inevitable and unstoppable?
4. In Chapter 11 Wilde describes the number of different items Dorian has begun collecting. What is the point of all of this? What do you believe he is trying to do or accomplish?
5. How does Dorian interpret Lord Henry's statement, "To cure the soul by means of the senses, and the senses by means of the soul."? Because of this interpretation, what does Dorian do or what decisions does he make?
6. Identify moments of foreshadowing in the text. Give specific examples and textual evidence.
7. Identify the point of Dorian's fall from innocence. Identify the steps leading up to this fall and the consequences he faces.