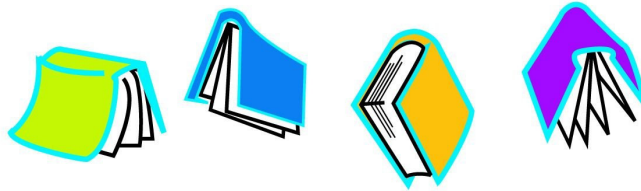


Midday Book Club



THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY

Questions for Midday Connection Book Club

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1. This novel has been called a very moral work in spite of the near universal suspicion of its “immorality” from reviewers of that time. Think about this issue and defend your conclusion about the novel.
2. Look up the concept/word “narcissism” and the Myth of Narcissus and see how that psychological condition plays into the work, and how the myth informs the term and the story.
3. What is the nature of evil in this book?
4. Many of the characters in this work are dark, some more than others. Who do you find to be the most evil and why?
5. What is Lord Henry’s most crushing deception in his formation of Dorian’s character?
6. Trace the stages of Dorian’s moral disintegration. Compare them to John Bunyan’s list of steps to backsliding in Pilgrim’s Progress.