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The 2 Liberty Classics were the summer reading proposals. How intriguing! Mystery, murders, moral wickedness, Gothic atmospheres, the dark side of London, secret pleasures, beastly sins, the ambiguous Victorian society. **Should man fight or accept the irrational impulses in human nature?**

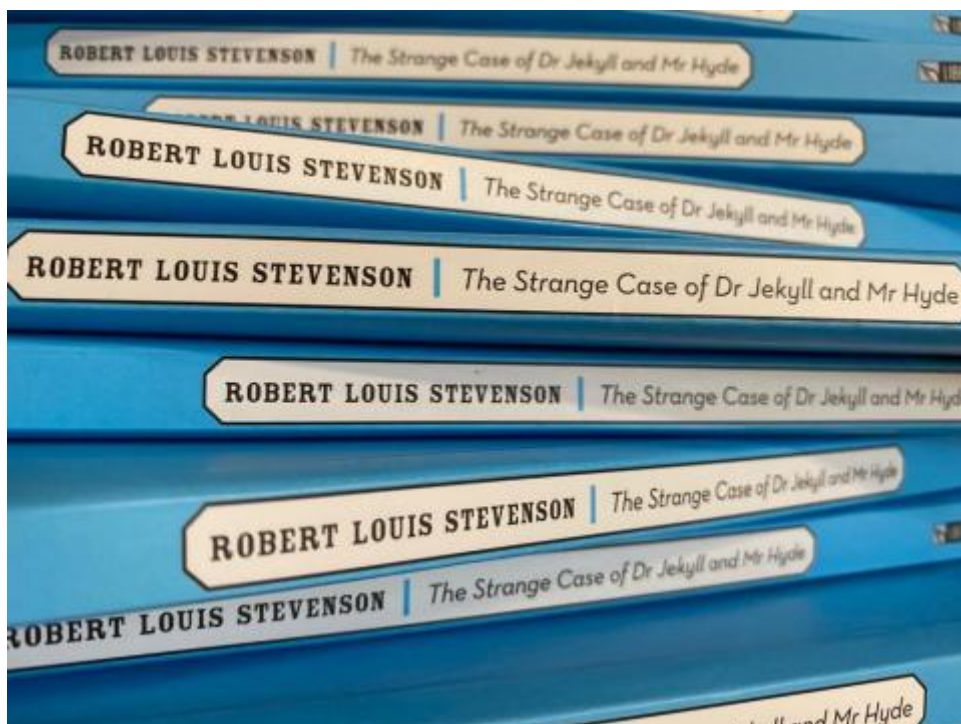
Both novels share the theme of the double. **Dr Jekyll and Dorian Gray have a split personality:** the good nature prevails at first, but evil experiences slowly make the dark side triumph. Both overreachers want to go beyond human limits: the former uses his scientific knowledge to do experiments against the laws of nature and God; the latter sells his soul to the devil in exchange of eternal youth and beauty. **Their double identity mirrors the double face of the Victorian middle class**, full of hypocrisy and obsessed with respectability.

How involving to analyse both novels starting from relevant quotes. How meaningful to move from quotes to key themes and stylistic elements. **How energizing to feel alive in the process of learning:** our voices and comments bringing the two classic novels back to life! This is **the Other School**.

Our next move will be to watch one or more film versions of the two original novels and to **compare and contrast the different works of art**. A great way to develop our critical thinking and to appreciate art in all its forms.

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