

Read chapter 11 and answer True or False.

1. Dorian Gray's appearance changed significantly over the years, showing signs of age.
2. Dorian's picture grew uglier over time, revealing the corruption of his soul.
3. Despite rumors about his dangerous lifestyle, people continued attending Dorian's famous dinners.
4. Dorian completely avoided the room with his portrait to keep himself free from fear.
5. Dorian frequently traveled abroad with Lord Henry even in his later years.

Use these words to complete this paragraph about Dorian Gray. Then find words in the chapter that mean the opposite of the words given.

beauty - dangerous - evil - good-looking - loved - terrible - ugly - young

Dorian Gray was in love with the _____ of his face. Strange stories were told about his secret, _____ life. But people did not believe the _____ stories because Dorian's face was _____ and _____. The portrait was the only thing that showed the real Dorian. It became more and more _____ and _____, and Dorian grew more and more afraid of it, but he _____ it too.

Answer these questions in pairs and then discuss as a class.

1. Why do you think Dorian continues to look at his portrait even though it fills him with fear and disgust? What does this say about his inner conflict?
2. How might Dorian's fear of the portrait affect his relationships with others? Do you think he will try to hide his secret even more, or will he confide in someone?
3. Given that Dorian's reputation is beginning to suffer, especially among some members of high society, how might this impact his sense of identity and self-worth?
4. What do you think would happen if someone discovered the secret of Dorian's portrait? How might different people in his life — like Lord Henry or Basil Hallward — react if they found out?
5. Dorian's life is filled with pleasure and material beauty, yet he feels haunted by the ugliness in the portrait. Do you think he will eventually try to change his ways, or is he too deeply involved in his pursuit of pleasure? Why?