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Jekyll and Hyde: Context

Instructions: Complete each section as you watch the Mr Bruff video "Jekyll and Hyde: Context". Take notes during the video, then answer the questions that follow.

Part A: Pre-Viewing

1. What do you already know about Victorian Britain? List three facts or ideas.

2. Why might understanding the historical context of a novel help you interpret its characters and themes?

Part B: While Viewing — Note-Taking

Task: As you watch the video, take notes on each of the eight categories below. Focus on information that connects to the novel.

Category	Notes
1. Victorian society values and social expectations	
2. Respectability expectations of a Victorian gentleman	
3. Reputation why public image mattered	
4. Repression behaviour/desires that had to be hidden	

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5. Science scientific progress and experimentation	
6. Religion & morality conflict with new scientific ideas	
7. Victorian London respectable vs darker areas	
8. Duality contradictions within Victorian society	

Part C: Post-Viewing — Comprehension

3. According to the video, what were the main values that defined a respectable Victorian gentleman?

4. Why was reputation so important in Victorian society?

5. What kinds of behaviour or desires had to be repressed or hidden in Victorian Britain?

6. How did scientific progress create tension with traditional religious beliefs during the Victorian era?

7. Describe the contrast between respectable and darker areas of Victorian London.

Part D: Vocabulary

Match each term from the video to its definition. Write the letter in the space provided.

8. respectability _____

9. repression _____

10. duality _____

11. hypocrisy _____

- A. The quality of being proper, moral, and socially acceptable
- B. The act of holding back or suppressing thoughts, feelings, or desires
- C. The state of having two contrasting or opposing aspects
- D. Pretending to have moral standards that one does not actually possess

Part E: Making Connections

Group Task: Work in groups of three. Use your notes to complete this statement:

Victorian society appears respectable on the surface, but underneath it hides contradictions, fears and desires.

Then find three connections between Victorian context and the novel:

12. VICTORIAN SOCIETY → JEKYLL: How does Jekyll represent Victorian respectability?

13. HIDDEN VICTORIAN LIFE → HYDE: How does Hyde represent what Victorian society tried to hide?

14. DIVIDED LONDON → JEKYLL'S DIVIDED PERSONALITY: How does the geography of Victorian London mirror Jekyll's internal conflict?
