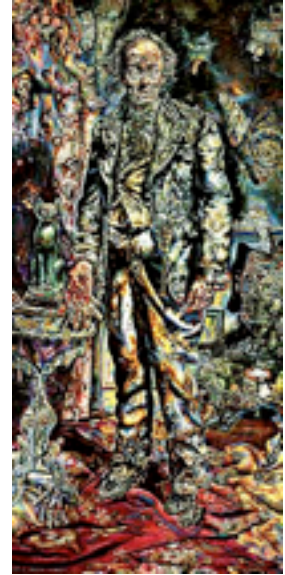


Dorian Gray Essay Topics

Directions: Choose one of the following topics and write a 2-3 page essay in which you propose and defend a thesis statement. Your thesis must be clearly stated as the last sentence of your first paragraph and be the focus of your entire essay. Your essay must also include at least 5-7 quotes taken directly from the novel. Obviously, all of your quotes should be related to and directly support your thesis. Every quote you use should be analyzed and related explicitly to your thesis.



Topic suggestions:

1. Influence... why is or isn't Lord Henry responsible for what happens to Dorian throughout his life?
2. In what way is the novel a critique of Victorian society?
3. What statement about human nature is made by *The Picture of Dorian Gray*?
4. Contrast Basil and Lord Henry. How are the two men different and where is it apparent in the novel?
5. Why does Dorian destroy his painting at the end of the novel?

Thesis statement:

Outlines due Friday!!! (4.24)

Quotes (That prove your thesis!!!)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

