'Dracula'

Personal Response Questions

1. Discuss the challenges and rewards of reading Bram Stoker's 'Dracula'.

2. Have you ever read or seen any vampire related material before reading 'Dracula'? Was there anything new or unusual for you?

3. What questions do you have after reading the novel?

4. Explain how the multiple narration influenced your understanding of the text.

5. Which character/s impressed you most and why?

6. What do you think were the key themes of 'Dracula'?

7. Why do you think vampire literature has been so successful and popular with people?

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Extended Response Questions

1. Why does Dracula go to Britain? To what extent is the fear towards him based on racism?

2. How is the traditional role of women (submissive; virginal) threatened by Dracula and friends?

3. What is so special about blood for Dracula? Discuss.

4. What was most shocking about Lucy's behaviour when she was under Dracula's influence?

5. How important are the symbols of Christianity in the novel? Discuss.

6. What is the significance of no mirrors anywhere in Dracula's castle?

