



LORD HENRY WOTTON

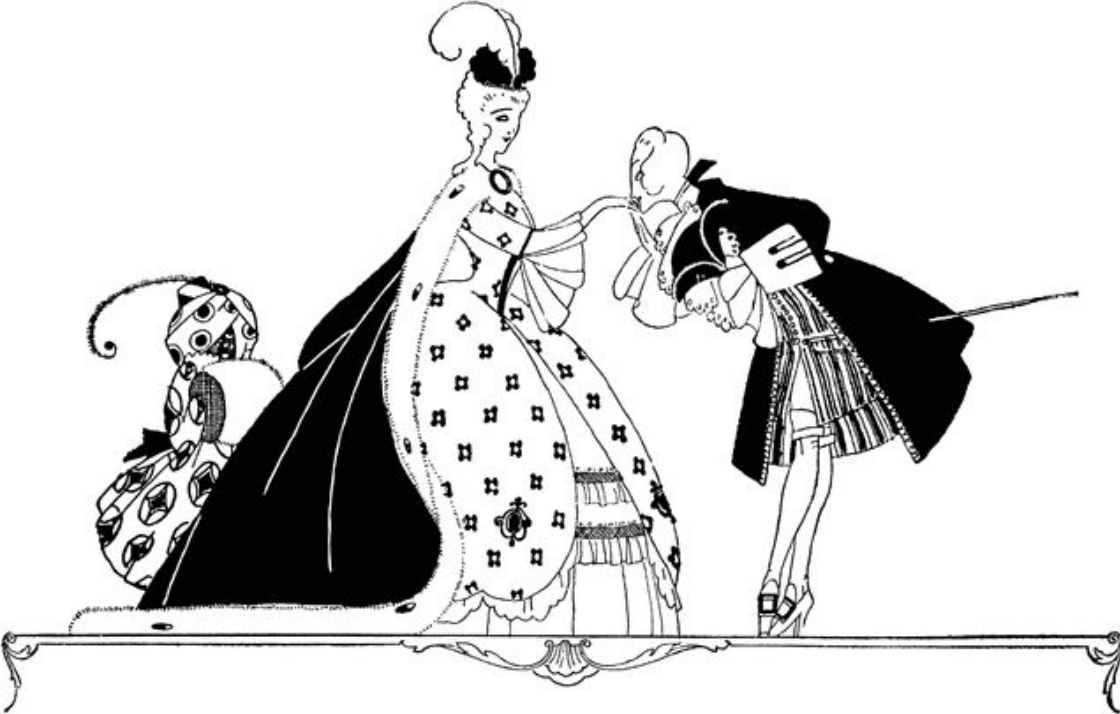
"Nowadays people know
the price of everything and
the value of nothing."

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Lord Henry Wotton is a very important character in the story.



Lord Henry Wotton is a very educated person who absolutely loves to use his words to play with the minds of others, showing them a totally different view about life, love and nature, often giving them enlightenment.



He is an aristocrat,
and interested in
psychological studies
of humans.

- He tends to form theories about life, pleasure, women and much more, most of those theories being immoral or wrong in some way.



Lord Henry is a man possessed of
“wrong, fascinating, poisonous,
delightful theories.”

- He is a charming talker, a famous wit, and a brilliant intellect.
- It is little wonder that Dorian falls under his spell so completely.
 - Although Lord Henry never meant to change Dorian's personality. Henry thinks that Dorian, just like Henry himself, would analyze the theories but not live according to them.

- Some people say that he was to blame for Dorian Gray's mental awakening, which brought around Dorian's downfall. Lord Henry meets Dorian Gray through their mutual friend, Basil Hallward, at his art studio.



People, money, objects, art – everything is just a tool of pleasure to him. Once any given thing stops being fun, he's not interested any more.

He admires *himself*...

- After years of "developing" Dorian's personality, Lord Henry feels as though he's created the ideal human being. He admires Dorian profoundly, but more importantly, he admires *himself* for having made Dorian what he is.



All along, we see that Lord Henry and Dorian's friendship was nothing but a kind of science experiment.