TITLE: PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY,

## AUTHOR: OSCAR WILDE

## **GENRES:** Fiction

## **POSSIBLE THEMES AND CORRESPONDING OBJECTS:**

Haunting portraits

1. Portrait of a Boy by James B. Read 1856

- 2. Portrait of Abigail Gowen by Joseph Badger 1765
- 3. Portrait of Mary Croswell by Joseph Badger 1765

(These two were in the very haunted Connecticut Room (G331)!)

- 4. Mrs. T in Cream Silk, No. 2 1920
- 5. The Intrigue by James Ensor 1911
- 6. Hunan Soldier by Zhang Huan 2007
- 7. Monuments (Installation Salle Petriere) Boltanski 1986
- 8. Study for Portrait VI by Francis Bacon 1953

This painting was especially apropos in relation to The Picture of Dorian Gray Here is a link to the entire series of paintings. See how they change - just like Dorian Gray's painting!

http://www.mcasd.org/exhibitions/bacon/gallery/frame.html

9. El Día de los Muertos Murals Done by Students 2009

**NOTES:** Great book for Halloween tours. The artist character in this book is inspired by Sargent. When Wilde saw Sargent's painting of Dr. Pozzi, he was struck by the power (love, actually) that "dares not speak its name". It is a good pairing with the book "Strapless" by Debra Davis.

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