



The Return of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure XXXVI – The Adventure of the Three Students

Baker Street	Most famous of all London Streets, the residence of Sherlock Holmes from the 1880s to 1903, during the greatest part of his professional life as a consulting detective; also, the residence of John Watson for much of that same period
Bannister	Servant to Hilton Soames; he had once been Sir Jabez Gilchrist's butler, and so attempted to shield his former employer's son from a scandal of cheating
Faber, Johann	Nuremberg lead-pencil manufacturer; the pencil used to copy out the passage of Thucydides was made by this firm
Fortescue Scholarship	Scholarship for which Gilchrist, McLaren, and Daulat Ras vied; included translating a passage from Thucydides; Professor Soames was worried about the safety of the examination questions
Gilchrist	Scholar and athlete, son of Sir Jabez Gilchrist, and a student at the College of St. Luke's, was one of three students preparing for the Fortescue Scholarship exams
Gilchrist, Sir Jabez	Gambler who ruined himself on the turf; his son, was the guilty party in the Fortescue Scholarship scandal
Holmes, Sherlock	The world's first and only consulting detective; born in approximately 1854; ancestors were country squires; Watson described Holmes as "bohemian" in his habits and lifestyle; said to have a "cat-like" love of personal cleanliness, at the same time Holmes is an eccentric with no regard for contemporary standards of tidiness or good order.

McLaren, Miles	Student at St. Luke's College and a contestant for the Fortescue Scholarship, considered wayward and unprincipled; Professor Soames considered McLaren to be the prime suspect in cheating on the exam; McLaren was almost expelled over a card scandal in his first year
Ras, Daulat	Student at St. Luke's College and a contestant for the Fortescue Scholarship; Greek was considered one of his weak subjects
Rhodesia	British possession in South Africa, administered by the British South Africa Company; young Gilchrist accepted a commission in the Rhodesian Police after being accused of cheating on the Fortescue Scholarship exam
Soames, Hilton	Tutor and lecturer in Greek at the College of St. Luke's who asked Holmes to investigate when examination papers for the Fortescue Scholarship were tampered with; when entering 221b, Watson described him "in such a state of uncontrollable agitation that it was clear something very unusual had occurred"
South Africa	General term referring to the Boer republics and to the British possessions in southern Africa; young Gilchrist accepted a commission in the Rhodesian Police and left for South Africa immediately
St. Luke's	Name given to the University college where Hilton Soames taught, and where the Fortescue Scholarship exam was to be administered
Thucydides	Greatest of ancient Greek historians; the first examination in the Fortescue Scholarship examination consisted of translating half a chapter of Thucydides
Watson, John H.	Friend and biographer of Sherlock Holmes, it appears he was borne in the early 1850s; took his Degree of Doctor in Medicine in 1878; served as a staff surgeon at St. Bartholomew's Hospital; while serving in the Army Medical Department, he was severely wounded in the Battle of Maiwand in Afghanistan; his wound and general impairment of health earned him a retirement and wound pension