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Highlights from the Head-Light

We're glad you're joining us for the second issue of *Sherlock's Spotlight*! This issue introduces a new adventure, "The Red-Headed League," where the color of a man's hair is very important to the story. You'll also find out more about who drew the first pictures of Sherlock Holmes, and what other people think he looked like. We have puzzles and brain teasers and mazes to test your skills, like the ones Sherlock Holmes uses in the stories.

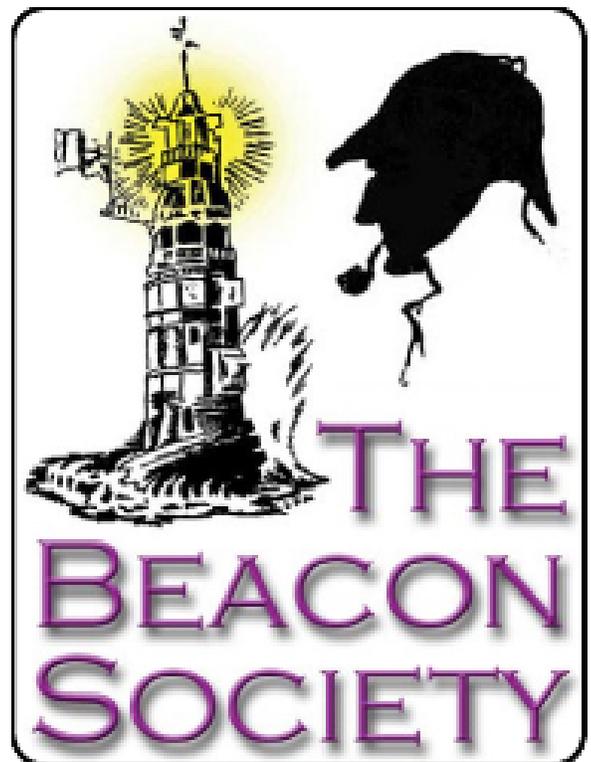
Would you like to read stories about a kid who solves mysteries? Or watch a cartoon series about Sherlock Holmes in the future? Want to know about Sherlock's childhood? What was Sherlock's friend, Doctor John Watson, like? Just keep reading and you'll find out.

Sherlock's Spotlight is published by The Beacon Society, a group of Sherlockians who want to help you learn about Sherlock Holmes. Do you like to write? Our essay contest gives prizes to students who write about Sherlock Holmes [www.beaconsociety.com/joel-senter-essay-contest.html]. How did Sherlock Holmes solve all those mysteries? The Junior Sherlockian Society [www.juniorsherlockian.com] shows you how. Are you an artist? Then send us (with your parents' or guardians' permission) your drawing of Sherlock Holmes [www.beaconsociety.com/sherlocks-spotlight-gazette.html]. You might see your creation on the cover of a future issue of *Sherlock's Spotlight*!

Enjoy issue 2, and don't forget to tell your friends about Sherlock's Spotlight!

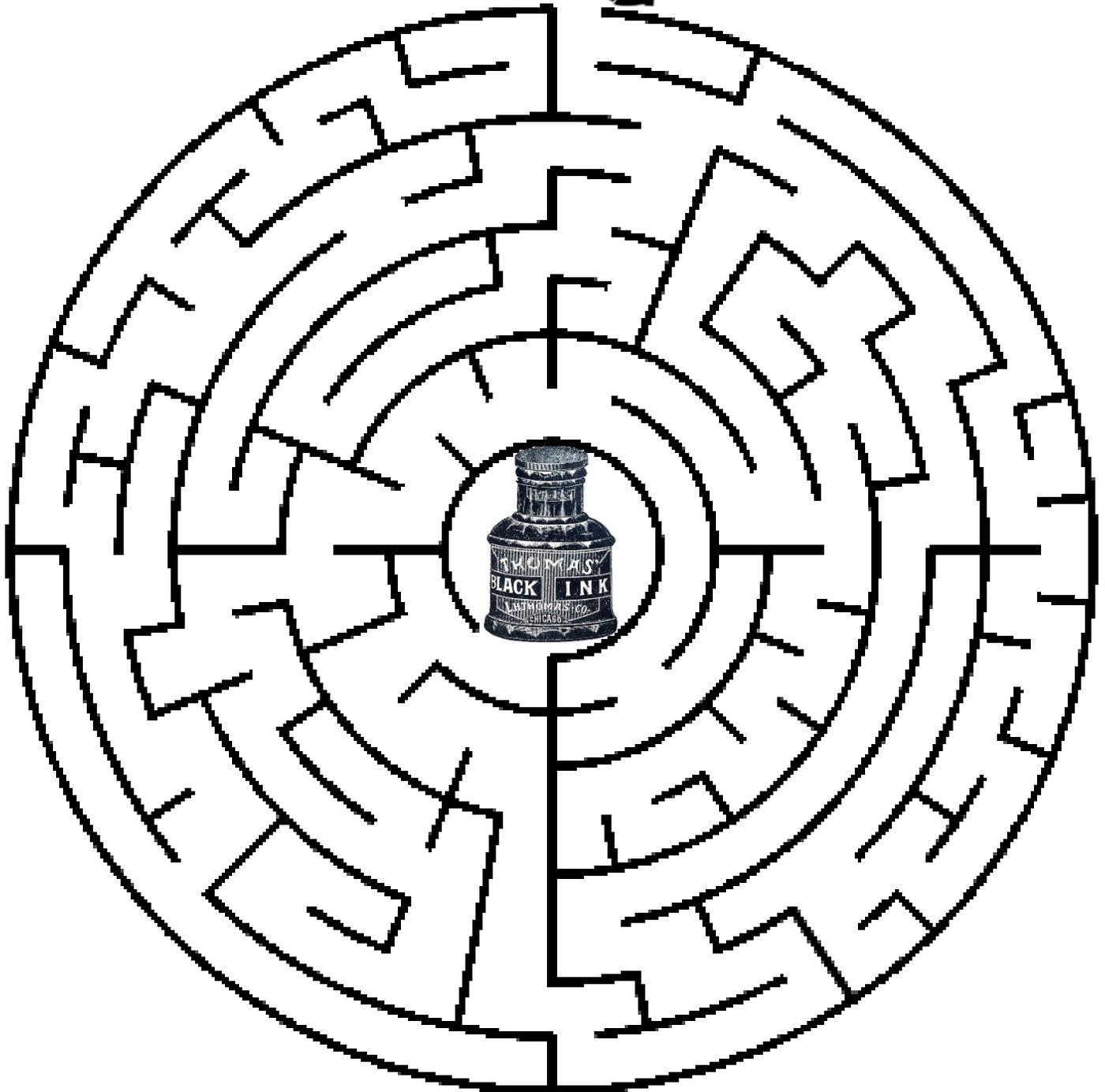
Carla Kaessinger Coupe

Head-Light, The Beacon Society



That's-A-Maze-ing

Jabez Wilson, a pawnbroker in London, has asked Sherlock Holmes to recover a bottle of ink he left in the offices of The Red-Headed League. Help Sherlock Holmes find the lost material and return it back to its rightful owner.



Find the answer on page 27

Character Profile: Dr. John Watson

Without Doctor Watson, the world would not have known about Sherlock Holmes. That's because Watson is not only a loyal friend, but also the narrator of almost all of Sherlock Holmes's adventures.

Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson worked together for more than thirty years. As readers, we follow Watson as he sees the facts of a case but cannot solve it himself. We are amazed just like the doctor at Holmes's deductions when he reveals the conclusion to each mystery.

Watson was a great storyteller. His writings help us imagine what their Baker Street apartment looked like or how a villain reacted when caught by Holmes. Holmes often criticized Watson for making his stories into adventures when Holmes would have liked them to be a list of facts.

Watson's way of writing the stories is definitely more fun to read!

John Watson was a trained doctor who served in the British Army. Watson's medical knowledge was also useful to Holmes's investigations many times. In

'Silver Blaze,' he identified a medical knife that was an important clue in that mystery and Watson's medical patients in 'The Engineer's Thumb' and 'The Naval Treaty' ended up leading Holmes to interesting cases.



Many of Sherlock Holmes's cases were dangerous ones, and he needed a brave and trustworthy partner to stand by him when things became threatening. And Doctor Watson was the man for the job!

Throughout their adventures, Watson got into fistfights, faced the hound of the Baskervilles, had guns and other weapons pulled on him, and saved Holmes's life a time or two along the way. It's no wonder that in 'A Scandal in Bohemia' Holmes said he would be lost without his friend!

While Sherlock Holmes tried hard to never be influenced by emotions, Doctor Watson was all heart. He is a gentleman quick to stand up for what's right and appreciates some of the young ladies who have been Holmes's clients. In fact, Watson even married one of those young ladies!

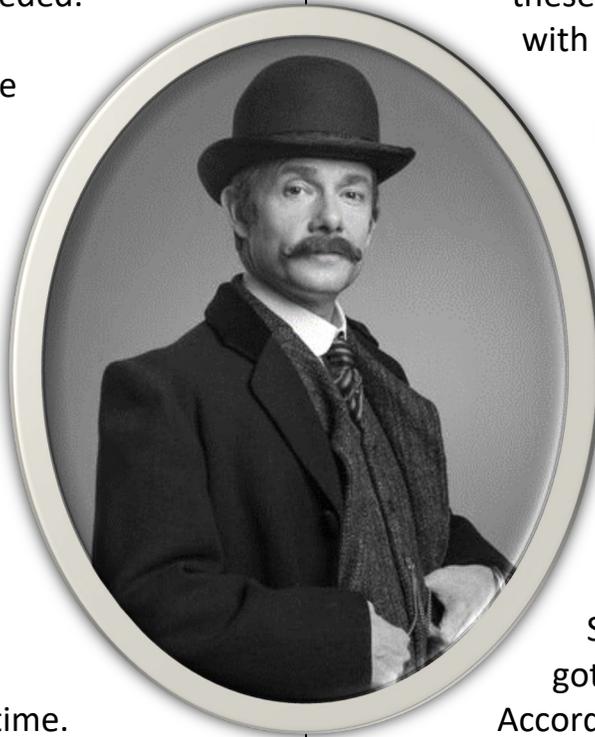
Watson did move out of the Baker Street apartment after his marriage and opened up his own doctor's office. But he was always happy to join Holmes on an adventure when he was needed.

Some of these cases could mean he was away from the office for only a few hours. But other times Watson would be needed for larger cases, sometimes taking him out of the country and away for many days.

Doctor Watson was a strongly built man with a moustache. In his younger days he played rugby, but now enjoys reading and playing billiards in his free time.

Over the years, Doctor Watson has been played by many different actors in television shows and movies. Some have

made him seem very stupid. But in truth, Watson was a smart man. It would definitely take someone intelligent to graduate from medical school, write all of these stories, and keep company with Sherlock Holmes.



Doctor Watson kept notes on all of the cases that he and Sherlock Holmes worked on together, but only 60 of those cases were published. He often hinted at untold stories such as the Bishopgate jewel case, the bogus laundry affair, and the giant rat of Sumatra. But readers never got to read those stories.

According to Watson, the world was not prepared for them.

Rob Nunn



PORTRAYALS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES IN ART AND ANIMATION

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**Superman, disguised
as Sherlock Holmes**



**Natasha, from the “Rocky
& Bullwinkle Show”**

Daffy Duck



Snoopy, from "It's a Mystery, Charlie Brown!"



**Donald, Huey, Louie,
and Dewey Duck**



Jiminy Crickett

"The Red-Headed League"

Story Profile

First published in

- ***Strand Magazine***, United Kingdom, August 1891
- ***Strand Magazine***, United States, September 1891

When the story takes place

- October 1890

Primary Cast of Characters

- SHERLOCK HOLMES, the first consulting detective
- JOHN WATSON, friend, companion, and chronicler of Holmes's efforts
- JABEZ WILSON, a red-headed shop owner
- VINCENT SPAULDING, an employee in Mr. Wilson's shop
- DUNCAN ROSS, manager of the Red-Headed League
- MR. MERRYWEATHER, director of the City and Suburban Bank
- INSPECTOR JONES, a police officer who has been trying to catch a criminal named John Clay

Summary

One Saturday, Doctor Watson visits Sherlock Holmes and finds him with a red-headed client, Jabez Wilson. Wilson is a shopkeeper who joined the Red-Headed League.

Mr. Wilson's assistant, Vincent Spaulding, read about the Red-Headed League in the newspaper and convinced Wilson to apply. They met Duncan Ross, who gave Wilson the job. He told Wilson that he must stay at his desk every weekday from 10-2 o'clock, copying from the encyclopedia by hand.



Jabez Wilson worked every weekday, from 10 until 2, and was paid every Friday. This continued for two months until Wilson arrived at work one day and found this note on the door:

'The Red-Headed League Is Dissolved. October 9, 1890.'

Spaulding told Wilson to wait for news about his job, but Wilson brought his problem to Sherlock Holmes. Holmes tells

Jabez Wilson to expect news from him in a few days. After he smoked for a while, Holmes asks Watson to attend a concert with him.

Holmes and Watson stop by Wilson's shop to have a look at Vincent Spaulding, look around the rest of the neighborhood, and enjoy the afternoon's concert. After the concert ends, Holmes asks Watson to meet him at 10 o'clock that night to solve this mystery.

When Watson arrives at Baker Street that night, Holmes is waiting with Inspector Jones and Mr. Merryweather. The four men travel to a bank that was around the corner from Jabez Wilson's shop and Watson learns that this bank is holding 30,000 gold coins in its basement.

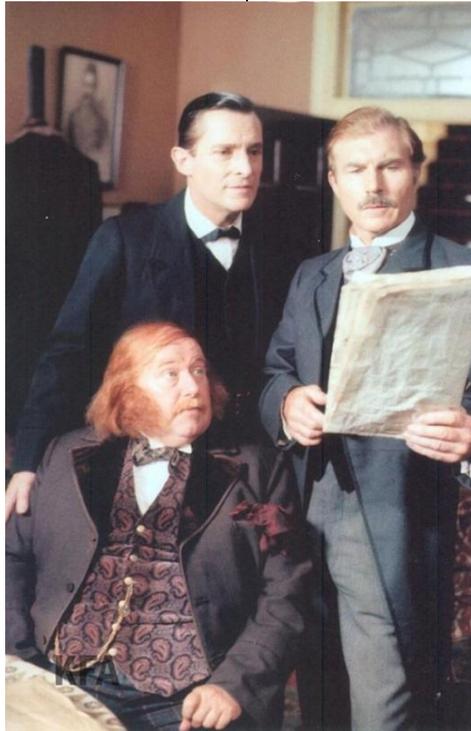
Holmes says that they must wait in the dark. After more than an hour, they hear scratching noises, and suddenly a small light appears on the floor!

The four men watch as the hole in the floor grows and a hand emerges. The hole becomes larger until Vincent Spaulding climbs into the bank's basement from a tunnel. Spaulding helps another man out of the tunnel, and it's Duncan Ross from the Red-Headed League!

Holmes catches Spaulding, but Ross escapes back through the tunnel only to be caught by the police waiting for him.

Vincent Spaulding was actually John Clay, one of the smartest criminals in London! He and Duncan Ross made up the Red-Headed League as an excuse to get Wilson out of his shop every day so they could dig a tunnel from the shop to the bank's basement.

They wanted to steal the gold and escape before the bank opened again on Monday. The thieves are caught, the Red-Headed League has been explained, and Sherlock Holmes is able to stop one of the biggest bank robberies in history!



Notable Quotes from the Story

- “Your cases have indeed been of the greatest interest to me.” – Doctor Watson to Sherlock Holmes
- “Have you never heard of the League of Red-headed Men?” – Vincent Spaulding, asking Jabez Wilson
- “I really wouldn't miss your case for the world. It is most refreshingly unusual.” – Sherlock Holmes
- “The more bizarre a thing is the less mysterious it proves to be.” – Sherlock Holmes
- “It is quite a three pipe problem.” – Sherlock Holmes
- “He is, in my judgement, the fourth smartest man in London.” – Sherlock Holmes, about Vincent Spaulding
- “I love all that is bizarre and outside the conventions and humdrum routine of everyday life.” – Sherlock Holmes

Rob Nunn

Word Search Challenge

You and a friend can now test your clue-finding skills in the fog-shrouded streets of London.

1. One player will take Holmes' team, the other player will take Watson's team.
2. Each player shall search his letter grid for the 5 names from "The Red-Headed League" listed next to the grid
3. Circle each letter of the name. The letters, not circled, will fill out a Sherlock Holmes quote from the story.
Place each letter in the spaces below the word search.
4. The first player to find all 5 names and complete the quote wins.

Holmes' Team

Y	J	O	U	R	C	A	S	E	C
S	H	O	A	V	E	I	S	L	N
D	E	E	N	D	B	E	A	E	E
N	N	O	F	E	M	Y	T	H	E
O	O	G	R	L	S	E	A	T	E
S	S	S	O	T	I	N	T	E	R
T	E	H	L	S	T	T	O	M	E
A	I	W	Y	I	C	D	S	Z	M
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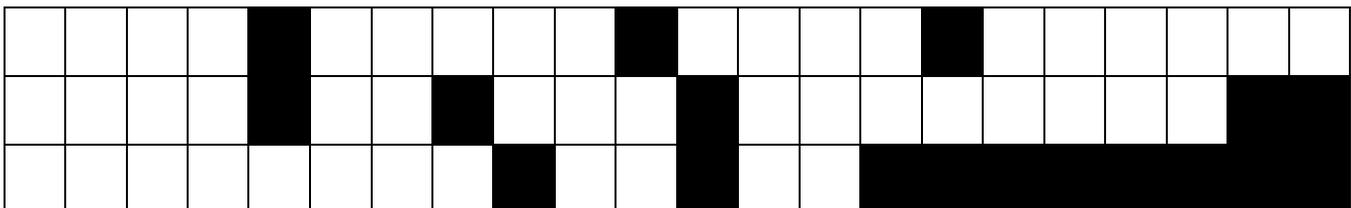
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Watson's Team

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S	H	A	A	E	V	E	I	N	D
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O	F	L	T	H	S	I	E	G	R
E	O	A	T	E	L	O	S	T	I
H	N	T	E	S	S	E	N	O	J
R	E	S	O	T	T	O	M	E	L
K	M	N	E	H	S	K	B	A	P
S	K	E	Y	A	L	C	P	P	J
S	V	P	V	I	K	X	R	P	O

CLAY
HOLMES
JONES
WATSON
WILSON

Find the answers on page 28

Sherlockian Illustrators Sidney Paget and Frederic Dorr Steele

What does Sherlock Holmes look like?

Dr. John Watson briefly described Holmes in *The Sign of Four*, “In height he was rather over six feet, and so excessively lean that he seemed to be considerably taller. His eyes were sharp and piercing, ... and his thin hawk-like nose gave his whole expression an air of alertness and decision. His chin, too, had the prominence and squareness which mark the man of determination.”

Depending on when you first became interested in the master sleuth, you might picture him as Benedict Cumberbatch in the TV series *Sherlock*



or Robert Downey Jr. or Henry Cavill, who both portrayed him in Hollywood movies like *Game of Shadows* and *Enola Holmes*.



If you ask your parents, Sherlock may resemble Jeremy Brett who appeared in 42 episodes of the television series on PBS from 1984 to 1994.



or Basil Rathbone who portrayed Holmes in 13 Hollywood films in the 1940's.



But if you lived in the late 19th century when Arthur Conan Doyle's stories first appeared in print in *The Strand Magazine*, your picture of Holmes would have come from the illustrations that accompanied the stories.

The man who was most responsible for the depiction of Sherlock Holmes is British illustrator Sidney Edward Paget (1860-1908).



Paget drew 357 illustrations for 38 of the 60 Sherlock Holmes stories written by Conan Doyle beginning with “*A Scandal in Bohemia*” in the July 1891 issue of *The Strand* thru 1904. Some say Paget, who was born in London, England, used his brother Walter as a model for his conception of Sherlock.

When you think of Holmes today, you probably think of a profile of a man, smoking a pipe, wearing a familiar deerstalker hat on his head. However, if you read all of Holmes' stories, you won't find the word "deerstalker" anywhere.



Watson described Holmes in his "grey travelling cloak and close-fitting cloth cap" in "The Boscombe Valley Mystery," and added his "ear-flapped travelling-cap" in "The Adventure of Silver Blaze," which gave Paget the clue to the costume in which he depicted the famous detective on those occasions, and which, of course, became his trademark.

When Sidney Paget illustrated Doyle's story, "The Boscombe Valley Mystery", in *The Strand Magazine*, he gave Sherlock a deerstalker hat and an Inverness cape. The look became a must for future distinguished detectives. Can you find Paget's initials in the drawing below?



Only the drawings of the American illustrator, Frederic Dorr Steele (1873-1944) have equaled or surpassed those of Paget. Steele drew over 165 illustrations for 26 of the last 33 Doyle's stories published in *Collier's Weekly* starting in 1903. Steele was born in Marquette, Michigan.



Steele's illustrations were largely responsible for popularizing the association of Holmes with a curved calabash pipe and deerstalker hat.



Steele used several models, including Robert King, Frank Wilson, and S.B. Doughty for his image of Holmes. However, Steele based his depiction of Holmes on the character portrayed by William Gillette in the play *Sherlock Holmes*.

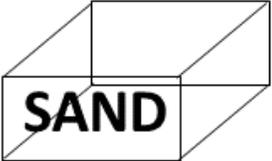
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CRYPTIC PUZZLES

Sherlock Holmes has been left a series of puzzles he must solve before he can catch a fleeing burglar. Can you help him decipher the picture puzzles?

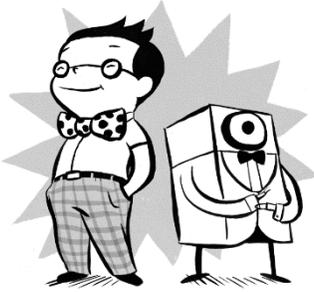
Example Number 4 = I understand

Find the answers on page 27

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7. $\begin{array}{c} \text{WEAR} \\ \hline \text{LONG} \end{array}$	8. $\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \text{T} \\ \text{O} \\ \text{W} \\ \text{N} \end{array}$	9. $\begin{array}{c} \text{AID} \\ \text{AID} \\ \text{AID} \end{array} \leftarrow$
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Entertainment Resources for Younger Sherlockians

Read It: Sherlock Sam series by A.J. Low



Samuel Tan Cher Lock – call him Sherlock Sam – is ten years old and wants to be a great detective like his hero, Sherlock Holmes. He loves *Batman* comics, chocolate cookies, and inventing useful things, such as a robot with extendable arms and legs that can reach places Sam can't (like the cabinet where his mom keeps his favorite cookies).

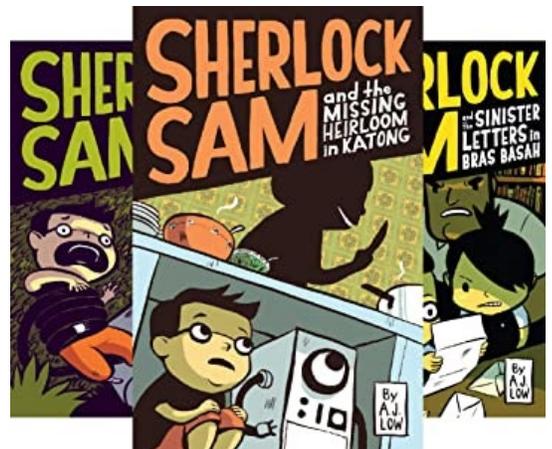
He didn't mean to name the robot Watson; that was an accident, thanks to his dad.

Sam and Watson have a way of stumbling upon mysteries as they visit various Singapore locations. Solving them is a team effort, with help from Sam's friends along the way.

The books are written by the Singapore-based husband and wife team of Adan Jimenez and Felicia Low-Jimenez under the name A.J. Low. Andrew Tan's brush and ink illustrations add perfect cartoon pops to the text. Fifteen books (and counting) have been published in the series; the first three are currently available in the United States.

The fast-paced, funny adventures feature a missing priceless family cookbook, a possibly haunted amusement park, and some very concerning letters being sent to a classmate.

Sherlock Sam and the Missing Heirloom in Katong, *Sherlock Sam and the Ghostly Moans in Fort Canning*, and *Sherlock Sam and the Sinister Letters in Bras Basah* are available as library ebooks on Hoopla as well as in print at bookstores and libraries.



Watch It: Sherlock Holmes in the 22nd Century

It's the year 2103, and New London is suffering a crime wave.

Inspector Beth Lestrade of New Scotland Yard and her compudroid assistant, Watson, follow their main suspect to Baker Street, where he burgles the Sherlock Holmes Museum, but the only thing stolen is a disguise worn by Professor Moriarty in his final confrontation with Holmes at the Reichenbach Falls.



Lestrade is sure that Moriarty is somehow involved in the ongoing criminal activity, despite being dead for over 200 years, but her boss isn't convinced.

Lestrade brings in the only person who can take on Moriarty: Sherlock Holmes himself, who has been preserved in honey in the basement of New Scotland Yard. With the help of a genius scientist, Holmes is brought back to life and youthful health, ready to pick up where he left off in fighting the criminal element of London.

Flying cars, space travel, and lady police officers are just a few of the changes Holmes reckons with, but at least he can move right back into 221B with his new flatmate, the robotic Watson, who has integrated the original Watson's diaries with his memory banks. A street-smart teen named Wiggins also helps Holmes navigate this new world.



The animated series includes 26 episodes for a total run time of about 11 hours. The animation combines both hand-drawn and computer-generated art. Every episode is related to a canonical tale, with clever twists that bring the stories into a futuristic setting with a diverse cast of characters.

Sherlock Holmes in the 22nd Century was produced by DIC Entertainment and Scottish Television Enterprises and originally aired between 1999 and 2001 in the United Kingdom and the United States. The complete series is available on DVD, and it is available for streaming through some libraries.

Beth Gallego

Can You See the Differences?

Can you help Sherlock Holmes find the four (4) differences between the first and second photos of Big Ben ?

Find the answers on page 29

A

B



2021 R. Joel Senter, Sr. Essay Contest

Do you know a student between 4th and 12th grades who has an interest or passion in Sherlock Holmes? It could be a family member, family friend, student in your class, or simply a student you know!

Students could win \$100, \$200, or even \$300 (and a lovely plaque).

Carolyn Senter and The Beacon Society are sponsoring a contest for students to submit an essay concerning one of the selected stories authored by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.



The primary rules for entering the contest are:

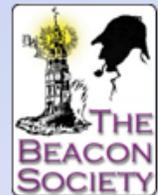


- Students in 4th to 12th grade are eligible to participate in this contest.
- Full instructions / rules are on the Beacon Society website, which can be found at:
<https://www.beaconsociety.com/joel-senter-essay-contest.html>
- Each Entrant must have an adult sponsor, 21 years of age or older (parent, teacher or family friend).
- Entrant must complete and submit the cover sheet/entry form (located on our website) and include it with the essay.
- Sponsors and Entrants should read the instructions for each age level, which can be found the Beacon Society website.
- Essays must be emailed and received by the Beacon Society, in care of Dan Andriacco at doctordan@fuse.net, by **MARCH 1ST**, 2021 to be eligible for the prizes.
- If you have additional questions, please email Denny Dobry at dendobry@ptd.net

The contest is divided into three categories:

- 4th to 6th Grade – 300-500 words
- 7th to 9th Grade – 500–700 words
- 10th to 12th Grade – 750-1,000 words

We hope you will help Carolyn and us to honor one of the finest Sherlockians, Joel, by helping to spread the word about the R. Joel Senter Sr. Essay contest and consider sponsoring a student who wants to participate.



Sherlock's World

Sherlock Holmes's Ancestry

In the story "The Adventure of the Greek Interpreter," Sherlock Holmes tells Dr. Watson that his ancestors were "country squires." We don't know if Sherlock was speaking about his father or someone else in his past, but it does tell us what Sherlock's childhood would have been like.

In England during this time, a country squire was someone who owned a lot of land and had a lot of duties to the people in his county. The squire would have rented most of his land to other farmers and been expected to treat them fairly. The money from this rent provided his income—enough to have a nice house, send his boys to good schools, and travel.

A country squire was also part of the local government. He would have had the title Justice of the Peace. As part of the government, he would have managed those in charge of the roads and bridges as well as taking care of the poor. The Justice of the

Peace was also a judge that would oversee criminal trials. Every three months he would be part of jury trials for people arrested on serious crimes. These trials involved a lot of ceremony with a judge coming from London. In between, the Justice of the Peace would hold trials on less serious crimes and decide innocence or guilt and any punishment without a jury. Sherlock, then, had a good understanding of the legal system because he'd observed it while growing up.

With a family of high income and power, Sherlock would have attended a good school, like Eton or Rugby, before going to college. After he went to college for two years, Sherlock left to do his own special studies to learn how to solve crimes.

Thanks to his family background, Sherlock Holmes had the education and an introduction to the legal system that made him the world's greatest consulting detective.



Liese Sherwood-Fabre

I See You !!!



Shown above are four Sherlocks facing a wall. They cannot move, so they can only look forward. Between Sherlock A and Sherlock B is a brick wall which cannot be seen through.

They all know that between them they are wearing 4 hats--two green and two blue --but they do not know what color they are wearing.

If one of them can call out within 5 minutes the color of their hat, all four will be allowed to leave the room, and proceed to save Dr. Watson from a pickle in which he has placed himself.

If they get it wrong, it might be curtains for Dr. Watson. They are not allowed to talk to each other and have 5 minutes to figure it out. After one minute, one of them calls out.

Question: Which one of them calls out? Why is he 100% certain of the color of his hat?

This is not a trick question. They are not allowed to move or they break the rules of the contest.

HINT: Sherlock A & Sherlock B can only see their respective sides of the wall, Sherlock C can see Sherlock B, and Sherlock D can see Sherlock B & Sherlock C.

Find the answer on page 27

Sherlock Holmes Mini-Mystery

Can you help Sherlock Holmes solve the mystery from the clues provided ?

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson were relaxing after finishing an early dinner, one fine autumn evening in their sitting room at 221b Baker Street when Mrs. Hudson announced a visitor.

A few flakes of snow were beginning to float past their bow window, lit by the remnants of a setting sun just outside the reach of the cloud cover.

“Good evening Mr. Holmes, my name is –”

“Welcome Mr. Smythe. Please take a seat next to the fire to warm yourself.”

“How could you possibly know my name, sir?”

“It is stamped into the leather of the satchel you carry. Now what may I do for you?”

“I have a small puzzle that I am hoping you may be able to assist me. I am a solicitor –”

“Belonging to the Law Society of the United Kingdom, located on Chancery Lane,” Holmes noted.

“What gave that away?” inquired Smythe.

“I recognized that particular clay on your boots which is being used to help solidify the paving bricks on the lane. Please continue.”

“My specialty is focusing on family estates, wills, and such. I recently had a client, a Mr. Winslow, who has requested I assist him in his final wishes.



“Mr. Winslow, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, in the United States, had immigrated to England when he was but a young child. Since then, he has resided just outside of Birmingham his entire life.

“He has amassed a small fortune in the rail business, shipping construction materials from the north to southern areas of our country.

“As he is an only child, and a bachelor his entire life, I have had the dickens trying to find a suitable heir to inherit his estate, monies, and other valuable assets.

“Mr. Winslow has made it very clear in his will that only a blood relative may take

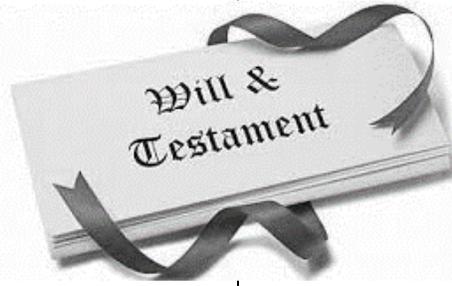
possession the properties. He is adamant there are no such relatives in England.

"I posted advertisements in many of the major newspapers across the Midwest and southwestern parts of America, with seemingly no success.

"But recently, two strangers have contacted me through the mail stating they are both related to Mr. Winslow.

"Once claims to be his niece, Miss Overmeyer, a book-keeper from St. Paul Minnesota, while the other, a Mr. Bellshot, who works in the shoe repair business, believes he may be a lost cousin from the Dallas, Texas area.

"Both want to pack their bags, move to England, and lay claim to their supposed new-found wealth.



"Mr. Winslow has offered to fund the trip of any potential heir, but will be very angry if the person turns out to be phony. And of course, he will be unhappy with my progress if I am unsuccessful.

"Do you have any suggestions on how you believe I should respond to these two inquiries? I do not desire to waste my time or energies on bogus claims."

Sherlock sat in silence for a few minutes, smiled, and then responded, "Mr. Smythe, I can, with certainty, eliminate at least one of the claims as being fraudulent. This will reduce your work burden in half."

Which relative was Holmes able to dismiss as being fake, and why ?

See page 27 for the answer.

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TONIGHT...

COULD YOU IMAGINE HOW
FAMOUS SOMEONE WOULD
BE IF THEY COUNTED ALL
THE STARS?



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2,917, 2,918, 2,919...

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WORD SEARCH:

Holmes's Team

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CLAY
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JONES
WATSON
WILSON

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Watson's Team

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Can You See the Differences

- a) The time on the clock has changed
- b) The top of Big Ben is missing
- c) The route number on the bus has changed
- d) The street lines have disappeared

A

B

