

Small Group British Literature Summer 2024

Assignment

The Hound of the Baskervilles Reading Guide

DIRECTIONS: Answer each of the following items on your own paper or type your answers into the document and print to have in class on the first day.

Chapter 1

1. Who is the narrator of the novel?
2. What is Holmes examining at the beginning of the chapter?
3. How is Dr. Mortimer described?

Chapter 2

1. What does Mortimer present to Holmes? From whom did he get it?
2. Where and when was this paper written?
3. What happened to Hugo Baskerville? What was responsible for this?
4. Who is Sir Charles Baskerville's next-of-kin? Where does he live?
5. Who were the Baskervilles' "educated" neighbors?
6. What is the name of the butler? Why is he important?
7. What did Dr. Mortimer find near Baskerville's body that Barrymore didn't mention?

Chapter 3

1. Describe the alley. What is at the end of the hedge?
2. Why does Mortimer say Sir Charles had stood at the gate five or ten minutes?
3. How is the Baskerville demon described by those who saw it?
4. Who is Rodger Baskerville? What happened to him?
5. What is the name of the area where Baskerville Hall is located?

6.How does Holmes believe Sir Charles made his way down the alley?

Chapter 4

- 1.At what time does Holmes have an appointment with the men?
- 2.What title is Sir Henry Baskerville given?
- 3.How is Sir Henry described?
- 4.What has Sir Henry received? What does it say?
- 5.From where were the words taken?
- 6.What other strange event has happened to Sir Henry?
- 7.What distinctive feature was on the face of the passenger?
- 8.Who do Holmes and Watson get to search the wastepaper? Why is this done?

Chapter 5

- 1.When does Sir Henry plan to go to Baskerville Hall?
- 2.Who has a full, black beard according to Sir Henry?
- 3.How does Holmes plan to verify Barrymore's whereabouts?
- 4.What did Barrymore and his wife receive in Baskerville's will?
- 5.What did Sir Henry receive from Sir Charles's will?
- 6.Who would inherit the Baskerville estate if something happened to Sir Henry?
- 7.Since Holmes cannot keep watch over Sir Henry, who does?
- 8.What name did the passenger give the cab driver?

Chapter 6

- 1.What does Holmes ask Watson to do?
- 2.What does Holmes tell Watson to keep near him? Why?
- 3.When should Sir Henry avoid the moor?
- 4.When was the last time Sir Henry saw Baskerville Hall?
- 5.Who is Perkins?
- 6.Why was the soldier standing on the summit?

7. Who is the escaped criminal?
8. What are Sir Henry's plans for the house?
9. Describe Baskerville Hall as Sir Henry sees it.
10. What does Watson hear at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 7

1. What does Watson ask Sir Henry? What does he say?
2. What does Barrymore tell Watson when questioned?
3. Describe the man who runs up behind Watson.
4. Who is this man? Where does he live?
5. What is Stapleton's theory about Sir Charles's death?
6. What is the Grimpen Mire? What has been seen go down in the mire?
7. How is Miss Stapleton described?
8. What does Miss Stapleton tell Watson?
9. What are the Stapletons' first names?

Chapter 8

1. What has Sir Henry begun doing?
2. Who is another neighbor Watson has met? Describe him.
3. What is revealed about the telegram?
4. What has Watson observed on Mrs. Barrymore's face?
5. What awoke Watson during the night? What does he see?

Chapter 9

1. What does Watson believe Barrymore is up to?
2. What do Watson and Sir Henry decide to do together?
3. Why does Watson follow Sir Henry?
4. What does Watson see Sir Henry do?
5. Who interrupts them? Discuss what happens.

6. What is Stapleton's explanation for his behavior?
7. What is Barrymore's explanation for his behavior? What does Mrs. Barrymore admit?
8. What do Watson and Sir Henry do next? What happens?
9. What does Watson see upon the tor? Describe what he sees.

Chapter 10

1. Why was Sir Charles at the gate?
2. What do the initials L.L. stand for? Why are they important?
3. What does Barrymore tell Watson about "the other man"?

Chapter 11

1. On what date does this chapter begin?
2. Where does Watson go? Why does he go there?
3. How is Mrs. Lyons described? Who is her father?
4. What is the passage of the letter Watson quotes to Mrs. Lyons?
5. Why does Mrs. Lyons say she never went to visit Sir Charles?
6. What problem was Sir Charles going to help Mrs. Lyons with?
7. Who does Mr. Frankland tell Watson he's seen?
8. What does Watson do concerning going to the huts?
9. What does he find in the hut? Who had been staying there all along?

Chapter 12

1. How did Holmes know that Watson was inside the hut?
2. What is the true relationship that exists between the Stapletons?
3. What secret did Stapleton have in his past?
4. What are Mrs. Lyons's plans for Mr. Stapleton, according to Holmes?
5. What do Holmes and Watson hear? What do they find?
6. Whose body do Holmes and Watson find? What is he wearing?

Chapter 13

1. What do Holmes and Watson recognize in the painting?
2. What does Holmes tell Sir Henry to do that evening?
3. From whom does Holmes receive a telegram? What does it say?
4. Who do Holmes and Watson go to visit? What are they told?

Chapter 14

1. Who seems to be missing from Merripit House?
2. What made the hound appear to glow and emit fire?
3. What has happened to Stapleton? What has happened to his wife?
4. Where has Stapleton run to hide?
5. What is found in the mire that proves Stapleton had come to that point?
6. What happened to Stapleton, according to Watson?

Chapter 15

Summarize the details of the solution of the case as given by Holmes (use bullet points).