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**The Hound of the Baskervilles** Reading Questions

*by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle*

**PART A DIRECTIONS:** *Answer the following questions for each chapter carefully and completely. Regular quizzes will be given during this unit, and some of the questions may come directly from this sheet. THIS IS ALSO* ***PART A*** *OF THE HOTB PROJECT DUE ON 12/7.*

**Chapter 1**

1. Who is the narrator in this story?
2. Who does the walking stick belong to?
3. Who gave the stick to the gentleman in question #2?
4. How did Holmes know that Watson was looking for the stick?
5. With what three adjectives does Holmes describe the physician?
6. How did Holmes know the physician had a dog?
7. Why did Homes say, “Dear, dear, that’s bad!”?

**Chapter 2**

1. What does Dr. Mortimer have with him?
2. How long ago did Sir Charles die?
3. What was Sir Charles’ habit?
4. Who will succeed Sir Charles?
5. Where is this person (#4) now?
6. What was unusual about Sir Charles’ footprints?
7. What other footprints were found nearby?

***True or False*:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Sir Charles was to have left for London the next day after his death.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_From the appearance of Sir Charles, he had been attacked.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Sir Charles had a pleasant look on his face.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Dr. Mortimer gave all the pertinent information to the officials about Sir Charles’ death.
5. Briefly explain the Baskerville legend.

**Chapter 3**

1. How did Dr. Mortimer know Sir Charles had waited at the gate?
2. Why does Dr. Mortimer come to Holmes (in this chapter)?
3. What does Holmes need in order to do his best thinking?
4. What are the three questions that concern Holmes?
5. What was the cause for the difference in footprints?

*True or False:*

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Sir Charles usually avoided the moor.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Dr. Mortimer told the police of all the footprints.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_The gate was locked.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_No one except Dr. Mortimer has seen the large hound on the moor.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Holmes’ parlor is filled with fumes from the fireplace.

**Chapter 4**

1. Where did the “writer” of Sir Henry’s letter get most of his words?
2. Why did the “writer” have to write the word *moor*?
3. How did Holmes know the letter’s address had been written in a hotel?
4. Why did Holmes think it strange that Sir Henry put his shoes outside the door?
5. According to Dr. Mortimer and Holmes, what significance does the letter to Sir Henry have?
6. Why did Holmes and Watson follow Dr. Mortimer and Sir Henry?
7. What job does Holmes give Cartwright?
8. What does Holmes tell Watson they have yet to do?

**Chapter 5**

1. What did Holmes do to “detach his mind” from the “strange business” at hand?
2. What did Holmes find out by questioning the hotel clerk?
3. Why did Sir Henry Baskerville call the Northumberland Hotel a “den of thieves”?
4. Holmes says that he has evidence that Sir Henry is being *dogged* in London. What does he mean? (Check your dictionary!)
5. Who does Holmes think the man with the full, black beard may have been?
6. What “proposition” did Holmes make that took Watson “completely by surprise”?
7. List the five “inexplicable incidents” that occurred in a two day period.
8. What are the “3 threads” that Holmes was following that “snapped”?

**Chapter 6: In three or four good sentences, try to summarize chapter six in your own words.**

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**Chapter 7**

1. How did Watson know that Barrymore had lied about his wife’s crying in the night?
2. Give one reason why Watson feels an “atmosphere of mystery and gloom” around Barrymore.
3. What was the “only conceivable motive” Barrymore could have had? (suggested by Sir Henry)
4. What did Stapleton say he thought was the reason for Sir Charles’ death?
5. Define the word *mire* from the dictionary. Why was it dangerous to cross the Grimpen Mire “even in dry seasons”?
6. What were Stapleton’s explanations for the long, low moan on the moor?
7. Beryl, Stapleton’s sister, said, “We have been talking at cross purposes.” What did she mean?
8. What does Stapleton think about Sir Henry’s presence at Baskerville Hall? What does his sister think?

**Chapter 8**

1. Watson begins the chapter by further describing the moor and its former inhabitants. Why do you think Doyle developed such a setting for this story?
2. Why does Watson assume that the convict is no longer in the vicinity of the moor?
3. What question did Sir Henry repeatedly ask Stapleton when he took him to the spot where the legend of the wicked Hugo was supposed to have had its origin?
4. What did Watson mean when he wrote to Holmes, “My popularity would suffer if I were to carry out your orders to the letter.”?
5. What did Watson tell Holmes about the telegram besides the fact that their original purpose for the telegram had failed?
6. What suggestions does Watson give for Mrs. Barrymore’s sorrow?

**Chapter 9**

1. What does Watson determine was Barrymore’s purpose for looking out that particular window? Why does he come to this conclusion?
2. What plan caused Sir Henry to rub his hands with pleasure?
3. Watson considered it a hateful task “to act the spy upon a friend.” Explain what he meant by this.
4. What “one . . . small mystery” does Watson tell Holmes has been cleared up? What proof does he have?
5. Why did Watson hold the candle to the window as Barrymore had done?
6. Why does Mrs. Barrymore say the blame for Mr. Barrymore’s actions should be with her?
7. Why was Sir Henry’s hand “as cold as a block of marble”?
8. At the end of Chapter 9, what part of the mystery does Watson think has been solved?

What mysteries does he feel are left to clear up?

**Chapter 10**

1. List the “long sequence of incidents” which have pointed to some sinister influence at work.
2. To what one purpose does Watson say he will devote all his energies?
3. Why did Barrymore not want Watson and Sir Henry to turn Selden over to the police?
4. What did Barrymore reveal about L.L.?
5. Where does Watson say the “center of his problem” and “heart of the mystery” lies?

**Chapter 11**

1. What two facts has Watson established?
2. Why did Watson have “some pricklings of conscience” when he left Sir Henry behind?
3. What were Mrs. Lyons’ responses to Watson’s following questions?

* You acknowledge that you wrote the letter?
* Why at such an hour?
* Why in the garden and not the house?
* What happened when you got there?
* What intervened with your meeting?
* Why did you have Sir Charles destroy the letter?

1. Why did Watson have reason to doubt Mrs. Lyons’ innocence?
2. What does Mr. Frankland assume is the little boy’s errand?
3. Who did Watson think he was going to find in the hut on the hills?

**Chapter 12**

1. How does Holmes know that Watson is in the hut?
2. Where has Holmes been all this time?
3. What did he want Watson to think he was doing?
4. Why did Holmes not tell Watson where he was?
5. What “elaborate deception” has their enemy contrived?
6. How was Laura Lyons deceived?
7. Who has an accident upon the moor?
8. According to Holmes’ conjecture, why had the boot at the hotel been stolen?
9. Who else appears on the moor?

**Chapter 13**

1. Watson said, “I am sorry that he has seen you.” Who was Watson talking about? Why was he sorry?
2. Why did Holmes say they had no case regarding Sir Charles’ death? Regarding Selden’s death?
3. Why did Holmes tell Watson not to say anything to Sir Henry of Selden’s death?
4. What did Holmes mean when he said, “It’s lucky for all of you, since you are all on the wrong side of the law in this matter”?
5. What duty did Holmes give Sir Henry that seemed contradictory to his previous instruction?
6. What was Holmes’ real purpose in sending a telegram to Sir Henry from London?
7. Why is Mrs. Lyons willing to tell the whole truth to Holmes now?
8. Why did Stapleton persuade Mrs. Lyons to send the letter to Sir Charles and then talked her out of keeping the appointment?
9. Why did Stapleton tell Mrs. Lyons not to say anything about her appointment with Sir Charles?

**Chapter 14**

1. What “defect” of Holmes’ is Watson “suffering under” during that long drive in the darkness?
2. Why did Holmes cock his pistol?
3. Holmes said, “We’ve finally laid the family ghost once and forever.” What did he mean?
4. Besides Stapleton’s hurting his wife physically, how else had he hurt her?
5. What object does Holmes find in the swamp?
6. What happened to Stapleton?
7. How did the dog have the appearance of flames?

**Chapter 15**

1. How was Stapleton related to Sir Charles?
2. What were the first two steps of Stapleton’s plans when he moved to Devonshire?
3. Who was the first person to warn Sir Henry of danger and how?
4. How did Holmes conclude they were dealing with a real hound and not just a superstition?
5. What did Holmes consider to be “the saddest part of all this black business for Sir Henry”?
6. What was the “one difficulty” left of the mystery that Holmes could not solve?

**THE END**