## The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Students can work out relationships between descriptions and pictures by guessing and using clues from the artwork.

- I Mrs Barrymore is a servant at Baskerville Hall.
- 2 Sir Charles Baskerville was the owner of Baskerville Hall at the beginning of this story.
- 4 Miss Stapleton is a tall, beautiful woman with dark hair and dark eyes.
- 5 Seldon is an escaped prisoner from Dartmoor Prison.
- 6 Sir Hugo Baskerville was the owner of Baskerville Hall in 1645.

## 2 Details needed:

*I the missing boots*: Sir Henry Baskerville had two boots stolen in two days at the Northumberland Hotel. One was new. One was old.

2 the letter: A letter was sent to Sir Henry at the Northumberland Hotel. It was made from letters cut from The Times newspaper apart from the word 'moor'. It said: YOUR LIFE IS IN DANGER KEEP AWAY FROM THE MOOR.

3 the man with the black beard: He sat in a cab watching Dr Mortimer and Sir Henry. He left quickly when he saw us watching him. Perhaps he is Barrymore, the servant at Baskerville Hall.

4 the death of Sir Charles Baskerville: He died three months ago of a heart attack./He was found near Baskerville Hall near the edge of Dartmoor./He was terrified and running away from something./He had stopped near a wooden gate and smoked a cigar./There were footprints of a huge dog near his footprints.

## 3 I Sir Henry loses a second boot.

- 2 Dr Watson and Sir Henry travel to Dartmoor.
- 3 Dr Watson meets Mr and Miss Stapleton.
- 4 Dr Watson sees Barrymore moving a candle in front of a window.
- 5 Sir Henry and Dr Watson catch Barrymore signalling to Seldon.
- 6 Sir Henry and Dr Watson find the body of Seldon.
- 7 Dr Watson meets Mr Frankland.
- 8 Dr Watson finds the man at the farmhouse on the moor.
- 4 Student's own answer. Details needed:
- Sir Charles Baskerville had two brothers. One was the father of Sir Henry, who went to Canada. The other, Roger, went to South America and died there. No one knew that he had a son – the man who pretended to be called Stapleton. He was the cousin of Sir Henry. He wanted all the Baskerville money so he decided to kill Sir Charles and then Sir Henry.

5 Student's own answer. Details needed:

Miss Stapleton wants to warn Sir Charles about Stapleton's plan to kill him. *Her letter must* ask Sir Charles to meet someone by the wooden gate (see page 14) on a Thursday evening (see page 13). It should give a time (no specific time is given in the book). It should also give enough information and be frightening enough to persuade Sir Charles, who was afraid of going out onto the moor at night, that he must meet this stranger.

- 6 Student's own answer.
- 7 Student's own answer. Students could use Watson's map on page 31 as a guide and describe a walk between two places on the map. Sounds could be described as well as sights.
- 8 Student's own answer. Students can generally use words spoken by the characters in the book but can add other sentences/words if it seems appropriate. Appropriate 'stage directions' to show what the characters do should be included in brackets. (see example.) Clues for these can be found in the story eg 'Please sit down, Sir Henry,' said Holmes. 'Tell me what has happened.' Can be presented as:

HOLMES: Please sit down, Sir Henry.

(Sir Henry sits down on a chair and Holmes sits down opposite him.)

HOLMES: Now, Sir Henry, tell me what has happened.



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