



## The Catholic High School of Baltimore Summer Reading List

**Teacher's Name:** Mrs. Karen Mitchell

**School Year:** 2019-2020      **Grade Level:** 11

**Course No.:** 132      **Course Name:** British Literature

**Academic Level (Honors/AP/CP1/CP2/CPA):** College Prep

### **Novel:**

*The Hound of the Baskervilles*

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

### **Assignment:**

#### **Part I: Natural vs. Supernatural**

Arthur Conan Doyle plots his novel through the conflict between natural and supernatural by making a man of science – Dr. Mortimer – truly believe that the hound is supernatural. It is Holmes's job to prove him wrong and return everything to a state of normality. Explore this conflict by answering the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What are the supernatural elements contained in the Baskerville legend?
2. How does it have any bearing on Sir Charles' death?
3. How does it have any bearing on the supposed violent deaths of other Baskerville men?
4. Does it appear that Dr. Mortimer is trying to prove the legend to be true or false? How can you tell?
5. Do you think less of Dr. Mortimer's apparent unease with the story?
6. How is this at odds with his scientific training?

#### **Part II: Exploring Characters**

Find one quote that provides some insight into the following characters. (Be sure to cite the chapter and page number where the quote is.) Explain whether each quote is direct or indirect characterization and why.

- **Direct Characterization:** The narrator tells the reader what to think.  
Example: Tom was a good guy.
- **Indirect Characterization:** The narrator shows the reader what to think.  
Example: Tom worked two jobs to support his family. No matter how tired he was, he always made time for his children.

**Characters:**

- Sherlock Holmes
- Jack Stapleton
- Dr. Watson
- Sir Henry Baskerville
- Mr. Jack Stapleton
- Mr. Mortimer
- Sir Henry Baskerville
- Miss Stapleton

**Criteria:**

- Typed, double-spaced
- Please use MLA format for the heading.
- There will be a discussion, activities, and a test during the first few weeks of school. You will need a copy of the novel.
- Please email me a copy no later than the first full day of school. You may print a copy and bring with you on the first day of school. Please email me over the summer if you have questions. My email address is [kmitchell@thecatholichighschool.org](mailto:kmitchell@thecatholichighschool.org).