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*The Hound of the Baskervilles* Reading Guide

Chapter 1:

1. Who is the narrator? James Mortimer (None of these answers are correct, btw!)
3. What did Holmes deduce from the clues on the stick? Holmes concludes that Watson is a well-respected and retired physician who now raises corgis in the English countryside (12).
4. How did Mortimer inadvertently insult Holmes? He refuses to drink the tea Sherlock offers (21.)

Chapter 2

7. What were the circumstances of Sir Charles Baskerville's death? Notice how I keep the number of the question from the assignment sheet.
8. Who was Charles Baskerville's next of kin? Notice the question is in black while my answers are in a color font.
9. What were the "private facts" Dr. Mortimer told Holmes? Notice how I only answer THREE questions from each chapter.

## Adaptation Analysis

**Paragraph 1:** Tell me about the adaptation you selected. Which adaptation did you choose and what made you decide on that option? Introduce the concept behind the adaptation you chose. What was appealing to you about that particular take on the Sherlock Holmes character? Answer these questions as thoroughly as you can!

**Paragraph 2:** Tell me about the setting, tone, and/or genre of the adaptation. How does this adaptation modernize the setting, language, and genre of the original Sherlock stories? Why do you think the writers/director made these choices? Do you think they accomplished their purpose? Why or why not? Answer these questions as thoroughly as you can!

**Paragraph 3:** Tell me about a character in your adaptation. Choose one of the main characters that appears in the novel and in your adaptation and identify two similarities and one difference between the original source and the modernization. Remember to use specific examples from the text and adaptation, using page numbers when appropriate. Which version of the character do you prefer and why? Answer these questions as thoroughly as you can!

**Paragraph 4:** Summarize your overall opinion about this adaptation. What do you think makes for a good adaptation? Define three characteristics that you feel make for a successful adaptation and assess your Sherlock tv show/movie according to these criteria. Ultimately, do you feel like the adaptation you selected successfully modernizes the original material? Why or why not? Do you think the original material even *needs* to be modernized? Answer these questions as thoroughly as you can!