**2024 JOHN H. WATSON SOCIETY TREASURE HUNT**

SPECIAL BONUS QUESTION

Over the years, some contestants have complained about the difficulty of the Treasure Hunt. For those who complained, this question is for you: Name a color of Sherlock Holmes’ dressing gown. **10 points**

ANSWER: BLUE, PURPLE OR MOUSE-COLORED

Holmes wears a dressing-gown in 14 cases. Dr. Watson describes the gown as blue in “The Man with the Twisted Lip,” purple in “The Blue Carbuncle,” and mouse-colored in “The Empty House” and “The Bruce-Partington Plans.

1. **This foreign law enforcement official was admired by a medical professional and a consulting detective in two different stories. Name the official and the stories. 3 Pts**

ANSWER: BERTILLON and NAVA and HOUN

Mr. Mortimer: “Recognizing, as I do, that you are the second highest expert in Europe—” “Indeed, sir! May I inquire who has the honour to be the first?” asked Holmes with some asperity. “To the man of precisely scientific mind the work of **Monsieur Bertillon** must always appeal strongly.” — NAVA

Sherlock Holmes: “I met him accordingly next morning and we traveled down to Woking together. He had had no answer to his advertisement, he said, and no fresh light had been thrown upon the case. He had, when he so willed it, the utter immobility of countenance of a red Indian, and I could not gather from his appearance whether he was satisfied or not with the position of the case. His conversation, I remember, was about the **Bertillon** system of measurements, and he expressed his enthusiastic admiration of **the French savant**.” — HOUN

**2. Holmes reminded Watson of one of this author’s characters and made him throw down his newspaper. Name the author and character. 2 Pts**

ANSWER: EDGAR ALLAN POE and DUPIN.

“It is simple enough as you explain it,” I said, smiling. “**You remind me of Edgar Allen Poe’s** Dupin. I had no idea that such individuals did exist outside of stories.” — STUD

“You remember,” said he, “that some little time ago **when I read you the passage in one of Poe’s sketches** in which a close reasoner follows the unspoken thoughts of his companion, you were inclined to treat the matter as a mere tour-de-force of the author. On my remarking that I was constantly in the habit of doing the same thing you expressed incredulity.” “Oh, no!” “Perhaps not with your tongue, my dear Watson, but certainly with your eyebrows. So **when I saw you throw down your paper** and enter upon a train of thought, I was very happy to have the opportunity of reading it off, and eventually of breaking into it, as a proof that I had been in rapport with you.”
— CARD/RESI

**3. What is the earliest year that is specifically mentioned in the Canon? 2 Pts**

ANSWER: 1543

“This was destroyed by fire in 1543 and some of its smoke-blackened corner stones …” — VALL

**4. Name the person who suffered a war injury similar to Dr. Watson’s**. **2 Pts**

ANSWER: EMSWORTH — SHOT IN THE SHOULDER.

**Lance-Corporal Emsworth**, of B Squadron, “You remember that morning fight at Buffelsspruit, outside Pretoria, on the Eastern railway line? You heard I was hit?” “Yes, I heard that but I never got particulars.” “Three of us got separated from the others. It was very broken country, you may remember. There was Simpson — the fellow we called Baldy Simpson — and Anderson, and I. We were clearing brother Boer, but he lay low and got the three of us. The other two were killed. **I got an elephant bullet through my shoulder.** I stuck on to my horse, however, and he galloped several miles before I fainted and rolled off the saddle.” — BLAN

5. **Name the man who had the same name as some real estate he didn’t own. It wasn’t Holdernesse. 2 Pt**

ANSWER: VICTOR HATHERLEY (ENGR & BOSC),

CHARLES APPLEDORE AND APPPLEDORE TOWERS (PRIO & CHAS),

COL. SEBASTIAN MORAN AND STOKE MORAN (EMPT & SPEC),

WILLIAM HALES AND HALES LODGE (VALL)

“**One of the farms** which he held, that of **Hatherley**, was let to Mr. Charles McCarthy, who was also an ex-Australian.” — BOSC

 **William Hales (VALL)** William Hales, a Gilmerton mineowner is not the owner of the Hales Lodge, the Hampstead residence of Cecil James Barker. — Team Lafayette

**HEART-BREAKING QUESTIONS**

**Time for some heart-breaking questions. Can you name the couples whose engagements ended prematurely?**

**6. Three days after a breaking and entering? 2 Pts**

ANSWER: BARON ADELBERT GRUNER AND VIOLET DE MERVILLE

“Three days later appeared a paragraph in the Morning Post to say that **the marriage between Baron Adelbert Gruner and Miss Violet de Merville would not take place**.” — ILLU

**7. Two days before the wedding? 2 Pts**

ANSWER: MISS MILES AND COL. DORKING

“Now, you remember the sudden end of the engagement between the Honourable Miss Miles and Colonel Dorking? Only **two days before the wedding** there was a paragraph in the MORNING POST to say that it was all off.” — CHAS

**8. The day of the wedding? 2 Pts**

ANSWER: MARY SUTHERLAND AND HOSMER ANGEL, IDEN

HATTY DORAN AND LORD ST. SIMON, NOBL

**9. After her daddy became rich? 2 Pts**

ANSWER: HATTY DORAN AND FRANK MOULTON, NOBL

LUCY FERRIER AND JEFFERSON HOPE, STUD

“We were engaged to each other, Frank and I; but then one day **father struck a rich pocket and made a pile**, while poor Frank here had a claim that petered out and came to nothing. The richer pa grew the poorer was Frank; so at last pa wouldn't hear of our engagement lasting any longer, and he took me away to 'Frisco.” — NOBL

10. **After he fell for another man’s daughter? 2 Pts**

ANSWER: RACHEL HOWELLS AND BRUNTON

“A few months ago we were in hopes that he was about to settle down again for he became engaged to **Rachel Howells,** our second house-maid; but he has thrown her over since then and taken up with Janet Tregellis, the daughter of the head game-keeper.” — MUSG

**11. Upon mutual consent? 2 Pts**

ANSWER: RONALD ADAIR AND MISS EDITH WOODLEY

“He had been **engaged to Miss Edith Woodley, of Carstairs, but the engagement had been broken off** by mutual consent some months before, and there was no sign that it had left any very profound feeling behind it.” —EMPT

**12. After birds were harmed? 2 Pts**

ANSWER: JONAS OLDACRE AND MRS. MCFARLANE, NORW

“I was engaged to him, Mr. Holmes, when I heard a shocking story of how **he had turned a cat loose in an aviary**, and I was so horrified at his brutal cruelty that I would have nothing more to do with him.” — NORW

**13. Because she didn’t like his career choice? 2 Pts**

ANSWER: ELSIE PATRICK (MRS. HILTON CUBITT) AND ABE SLANEY, DANC

“**She had been engaged to me**, and she would have married me, I believe, i**f I had taken over another profession**; but she would have nothing to do with anything on the cross.” — DANC

**14. After he turned his back on her? 2 Pts**

ANSWER: SHERLOCK HOLMES AND MILVERTON’S HOUSEMAID AGATHA

“"You would not call me a marrying man, Watson?" "No, indeed!" "You'll be interested to hear that I am engaged." "My dear fellow! I congrat —" "To Milverton's housemaid." “However, I rejoice to say that I have a hated rival **who will certainly cut me out the instant that my back is turned**.” — CHAS

*WRONG:*

ARTHUR CADOGAN WEST AND MISS VIOLET WESTBURY, BRUC*whom he left abruptly in the fog.*

*LEONARDO AND EUGENIA RONDER WERE NEVER ENGAGED*

**15. After he went for a swim? 2 Pts**

ANSWER: MAUD BELLAMY AND FITZROY MCPHERSON

"**We were engaged to be married**, and we only kept it secret because Fitzroy's uncle, who is very old and said to be dying, might have disinherited him if he had married against his wish. There was no other reason." — LION

**LET’S EAT** - **RESTAURANTS**

**16. Which London restaurant was mentioned in the most stories in the Canon? Name the stories. 3 Pts**

ANSWER: SIMPSON’S, DYIN and ILLU

“I think that something nutritious at **Simpson's** would not be out of place." — DYIN

“I met him by appointment that evening at **Simpson's,** where, sitting at a small table in the front window and looking down at the rushing stream of life in the Strand, he told me something of what had passed.” — ILLU

**17. Name the two restaurants that hosted the first meeting of the Baker Street Irregulars and the Sherlock Holmes Society of London in 1934. 4 Pts**

ANSWER: DUANE HOTEL OR CHRIST CELLA’S — Cella’s in New York City and CANUTO’S Canuto’s in Baker Street in London.

Founded on January 6, 1934, the BSI held its **“first meeting” (cocktail reception) at the Duane Hotel** to celebrate Sherlock Holmes’ birthday. It was attended by 15-20 men and women, mostly members of Christopher Morley’s earlier clubs. **There was also a “First Formal Meeting” of the BSI on June 5, 1934, held at Christ Cella’s Restaurant**. This one was “stag,” and only eight men attended. At this, Morley read his manuscript of “Was Sherlock Holmes an American?”

Despite these earlier events, the December 7, 1934 BSI Dinner has always been considered (even by the founding fathers) to be the First Annual Dinner. Eighteen to twenty people attended, including archaeologist Harold W. Bell, actor William Gillette (who authored the play “Sherlock Holmes” and played the lead role for many years), writer Vincent Starrett, illustrator Frederick Dorr Steele (who drew the original Sherlock Holmes stories in *Collier’s Magazine*, boxer Gene Tunney, and critic and commentator Alexander Woollcott.

Dinner Details: December 7, 1934

Christ Cella’s Restaurant, 144 East 45th Street, New York, NY

**18. Can you name the restaurant where Holmes dined with Watson after sending him a message to come and bring his burglar tools? 2 Pts**

ANSWER: GOLDINI’S

All the long November evening I waited, filled with impatience for his return. At last, shortly after nine o'clock, there arrived a messenger with a note: Am dining at **Goldini's Restaurant**, Gloucester Road, Kensington. Please come at once and join me there. Bring with you **a jemmy, a dark lantern, a chisel**, and a revolver. S. H. — BRUC

**19. Name the restaurant near where Holmes was attacked by two armed men? 2 Pts**

ANSWER: CAFÉ ROYAL

Mr. Sherlock Holmes, the well-known private detective, was the victim this morning of a murderous assault which has left him in a precarious position. There are no exact details to hand, but the event seems to have occurred about twelve o'clock in Regent Street, outside the Cafe Royal. The attack was made by two men armed with … ILLU

 **MISCELLANY**

**20. Describe the three tattoos mentioned in the Canon. 3 Pts**

ANSWER: BLUE ANCHOR, FISH, AND J.A.

“Even across the street I could see a **great blue anchor tattooed** on the back of the fellow's hand.” — STUD

"The **fish that you have tattooed** immediately above your right wrist could only have been done in China. I have made a small study of tattoo marks and have even contributed to the literature of the subject.” — REDH

“When you bared your arm to draw that fish into the boat I saw that J**. A. had been tattooed** in the bend of the elbow.” — GLOR

**21.Sherlock Holmes authored several monographs on subjects from tobacco ashes and footsteps to motets, tattoos and secret writings. Can you name three monographs that he *planned* to write but had not completed? 3 Pts**

ANSWER: USES OF DOGS AS DETECTIVES, THE TYPEWRITER AND CRIME AND MALINGERING

I have serious thoughts of writing a small monograph **upon the uses of dogs in the work of the detective."** "But surely, Holmes, this has been explored," said I. "Bloodhounds — sleuth-hounds —" "No, no, Watson, that side of the matter is, of course, obvious. But there is another which is far more subtle. "My line of thoughts about dogs is analogous. A dog reflects the family life. Whoever saw a frisky dog in a gloomy family, or a sad dog in a happy one? Snarling people have snarling dogs, dangerous people have dangerous ones. And their passing moods may reflect the passing moods of others." — CREE

"I think of writing another little monograph some of these days **on the typewriter and its relation to crime**. — IDEN

**Malingering** is a subject upon which I have sometimes thought of writing a monograph. — DYIN

**22. This butler worked for his employer for five years before his employer was shot in the face. Who was the butler and the butler’s previous employer? 3 Pts**

ANSWER: AMES AND SIR CHARLES CHANDOS, VALL

**"Ames, the butler**—" "What about him? Is he reliable?" "Ten years with **Sir Charles Chandos**—as solid as a rock. He has been with Douglas ever since he took the Manor House five years ago. — VALL

**23. Two women in the Canon were deaf and would provide no information to the authorities about a homicide or a secret plan. 2 Pts**

ANSWER: WILLIAM KERWIN’S MOTHER AND WIDOW MACNAMARA

"Did William (Kerwin) say anything to his **mother** before going out?" "**She is very old and deaf,** and we can get no information from her.” — REIG

Widow MacNamara's is a lonely house. She's as true as steel and as **deaf as a post**. — VALL

NOT MRS. ALLEN — SHE WAS A LITTLE HARD OF HEARING BUT NOT DEAF.

**24. Four persons in the Canon were described as “odious.” Who were they? 4 Pts**

ANSWER: OLDACRE, WOODLEY, MILVERTON, AND DON MURILLO

Mr. Jonas Oldacre." The detective stared at the new-comer with blank amazement. The latter was blinking in the bright light of the corridor, and peering at us and at the smouldering fire. **It was an odious face** — crafty, vicious, malignant, with shifty, light-grey eyes and white eyelashes. — NORW

“What I wished to say was that Mr. Woodley was perfectly **odious.”** — SOLI

“— the detection, the capture, the honoured career ending in irreparable failure and disgrace, my friend himself lying at the mercy of **the odious Milverton**.” — MILV

**“Don Murillo, once call the Tiger of San Pedro**. … Strong, fearless, and energetic, he had sufficient virtue to enable him **to impose his odious vices** upon a cowering people for ten or twelve years.” — WIST

**25**. **“His eyes were sharp and piercing…and his thin hawklike nose gave his whole expression an air of alertness and decision. His chin, too, had the prominence and squareness which mark the man of determination.” Who was the first artist to draw Sherlock Holmes? Who was the second? 2 Pts**

ANSWER: D. H. FRISTON, STUD 1887; CHARLES DOYLE, STUD 2ND ED.

**David Henry Friston** (1820–1906) was a British [illustrator](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Illustrator) and [figure painter](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Figure_painter) in the [Victorian Era](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victorian_Era). He is best remembered as the creator of the first illustrations of [Sherlock Holmes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sherlock_Holmes) in 1887.

**26. Two men in the Canon were described as being “a devil incarnate.” Can you name them? 2 Pts**

ANSWER: Count Sylvius and Charles McCarthy

"Where is this Count Sylvius?" "I've been at his very elbow all the morning. You've seen me as an old lady, Watson. I was never more convincing. He actually picked up my parasol for me once. 'By your leave, madame,' said he — half-ltalian, you know, and with the Southern graces of manner when in the mood, but **a devil incarnate** in the other mood. — MAZA

"You didn't know this dead man, McCarthy. He was **a devil incarnate**. I tell you that.”
— BOSC

**27. Holmes wanted to discuss this English author after identifying two crucial questions he had to answer in a murder case. 2 Pts**

ANSWER: GEORGE MEREDITH

“I would call your attention very particularly to two points. One is that the murdered man had an appointment with someone at the pool, and that the someone could not have been his son, for his son was away, and he did not know when he would return. The second is that the murdered man was heard to cry 'Cooee!' before he knew that his son had returned. Those are the crucial points upon which the case depends. And now let us talk about **George Meredith,** if you please, and we shall leave all minor matters until to-morrow." — BOSC

**28. Three people said Holmes would have been a great actor. Can you name them? 3 Pts**

ANSWER: ATHELNY JONES, JOHN H WATSON and OLD BARON DOWSON

"Ah, you rogue!" cried Jones, highly delighted. "**You would have made an actor** and a rare one.” — SIGN

“**The stage lost a fine actor,** even as science lost an acute reasoner, when he became a specialist in crime.” — SCAN

 “**Old Baron Dowson** said the night before he was hanged that in my case what the law had gained **the stage had lost**.” — MAZA

**29. Who was the only United States President mentioned in the Canon? What story? 2 Pts**

ANSWER: ABRAHAM LINCOLN — THOR

“His tall, gaunt, craggy figure had a suggestion of hunger and rapacity. An **Abraham Lincoln** keyed to base uses instead of high ones would give some idea of the man.”
— THOR

**30. Name the stories and three people who successfully committed suicide in the Canon. 6 Pts**

ANSWER: ANNA CORAM (GOLD); MARIA PINTO (THOR); UNNAMED PERSON INVOLVED IN THEFT OF BLUE CARBUNCLE (BLUE). ELIAS OPENSHAW? Coroner’s jury said “suicide,” FIVE.

“There have been two murders, a vitriol-throwing, *a suicide*, and several robberies brought about for the sake of this forty-grain weight of crystallised charcoal.” — BLUE

Three attempted suicides (DANC, RETI, STOC); three ruled-out suicides (STUD, VALL, TWIS); and five assumed suicides (STUD, FIVE, RESI, GOLD, DEVI).

**31. Life preservers in the canon were not used by swimmers. Can you name three persons who possessed one? 3 Pts**

ANSWER: SIR GEORGE BURNWELL, (BERY), **HAROLD LATIMER/WILSON KEMP** *(GREE) AND HUGO OBERSTEIN (BRUC) ALSO CARRIED LIFE-PRESERVERS*

*“I went in the shape of a loafer to* ***Sir George's house****.”*

“I saw an ill-dressed vagabond in the lane yesterday evening,” said Mr. Holder. “Precisely. It was I. I found that I had my man, so I came home and changed my clothes. It was a delicate part which I had to play then, for I saw that a prosecution must be avoided to avert scandal, and I knew that so astute a villain would see that our hands were tied in the matter. I went and saw him. At first, of course, he denied everything. But when I gave him every particular that had occurred, he tried to bluster, and took down a lifepreserver from the wall…” — BERY

"**Mr. Latimer** seated himself opposite to me and we started off through Charing Cross and up the Shaftesbury Avenue. **He began by drawing a most formidable-looking bludgeon loaded with lead from his pocket**, and switching it backward and forward several times, as if to test its weight and strength. Then he placed it without a word upon the seat beside him. …

“Mr. Melas, however, still lived, and in less than an hour, with the aid of ammonia and brandy I had the satisfaction of seeing him open his eyes, and of knowing that my hand had drawn him back from that dark valley in which all paths meet. It was a simple story which he had to tell, and one which did but confirm our own deductions. **His visitor, on entering his rooms, had drawn a life-preserver from his sleeve,** and had so impressed him with the fear of instant and inevitable death that he had kidnapped him for the second time. …

“The brother, on his arrival in England, had imprudently placed himself in the power of **Latimer** and of his associate, whose name was Wilson Kemp—a man of the foulest antecedents. These two, finding that through his ignorance of the language he was helpless in their hands, had kept him a prisoner, and had endeavored by cruelty and starvation to make him sign away his own and his sister's property.” — GREE

“The young man rushed up and demanded to know what we were about to do with the papers. **Oberstein had a short life-preserver**. He always carried it with him. As West forced his way after us into the house Oberstein struck him on the head.” — BRUC

**32. Holmes and Watson used fictitious names and occupations in one story. Name the names, occupations and story. 5 Pts**

ANSWER: HOLMES WAS MR. HARRIS, OF BERMONDSEY, ACCOUNTANT AND WATSON WAS MR. PRICE, OF BIRMINGHAM CLERK, STOC

**33. Two men’s faces were compared with fruit. Can you name the men, the fruit and the stories? 6 Pts**

ANSWER: HENRY WOOD, A WITHERED APPLE, CROO; and JAMES LANCASTER, A RIBSTON-PIPPIN OF A MAN, BLAC. (Also MR. MELAS, OLIVE, GREE.)

Henry Wood: “His hair and whiskers were shot with gray, and his face was all crinkled and puckered like a withered apple.” — CROO

James Lancaster: “**a little ribston-pippin of a man**, with ruddy cheeks and fluffy white side-whiskers.” — BLAC

**“‘Mr. Melas** is a Greek by extraction, as I understand, and he is a remarkable linguist. He earns his living partly as interpreter in the law courts and partly by acting as guide to any wealthy Orientals who may visit the Northumberland Avenue hotels. I think I will leave him to tell his very remarkable experience in his own fashion.’ A few minutes later we were joined by a short, stout man whose **olive face** and coal-black hair proclaimed his Southern origin.” — GREE

**34**. **Other than Anna Coram, name two others who used a pince-nez in the Canon?** **2 Pts**

ANSWER: MARY SUTHERLAND CASE and JOHN OPENSHAW FIVE

“I then glanced at her face, and, observing the dint of **a pince-nez** at either side of her nose, I ventured a remark upon short sight and typewriting, which seemed to surprise her." — IDEN

"I owe you an apology," he said, **raising his golden pince-nez to his eyes**. "I trust that I am not intruding. I fear that I have brought some traces of the storm and rain into your snug chamber." "My name," said he, "is John Openshaw, but my own affairs have, as far as I can understand.” — FIVE

**CAN YOU SEE ME?**

**John H. Watson’s literary agent studied ophthalmology in Germany before returning to England.**

**35. In the Canon, five people wore corrective lenses that were gold in color. Name them and the story. 10 pts**

ANSWER: OPENSHAW (FIVE), ST. SIMON (NOBL), MILVERTON (CHAS), MORTIMER (HOUN), ANNA CORAM (GOLD), and SCOTT ECCLES (WIST)

* John Openshaw entered 221B Baker Street, saying ""I owe you an apology," he said, raising his **golden pince-nez** to his eyes." [FIVE]
* A more grandiose entrance came from Lord Robert St. Simon, who "advanced slowly into the room, turning his head from left to right, and swinging in his right hand the cord which held his **golden eyeglasses."** [NOBL]
* One of the other famous pairs of glasses in the Canon was worn by Charles Augustus Milverton, whose "grey eyes, which gleamed brightly from behind broad, **golden-rimmed glasses**." [CHAS]
* Dr. Mortimer had "a long nose like a beak, which jutted out between two keen, gray eyes, set closely together and sparkling brightly from behind a pair of **gold-rimmed glasses**." [HOUN]
* Anna Coram: “That they belong to a woman I infer from their delicacy, and also, of course, from the last words of the dying man. As to her being a person of refinement and well dressed, they are, as you perceive, handsomely mounted in solid gold.” [GOLD]
* Scott Eccles: From his spats to his **gold-rimmed spectacles** he was a Conservative, a churchman, a good citizen, orthodox and conventional to the last degree. [WIST]

**36. Three person’s glasses were tinted. Name them and the story. 6 pts**

* ANSWER: SHERMAN (SIGN), WINDIBANK/ANGEL (IDEN), and BARKER (RETI)
* Mr. Sherman, the animal proprietor, had "stooping shoulders, a stringy neck, and **blue-tinted glasses**." — SIGN
* Mary Sutherland wore pince-nez and her stepfather, James Windibank "wore **tinted glasses** against the glare." — IDEN
* A stern-looking, impassive man sat beside him, a dark man with **gray-tinted glasses** and a large Masonic pin projecting from his tie. "This is my friend Mr. Barker," said Holmes. — RETI]
* **…(also a tall, thin [unnamed] man with colored glasses in EMPT)**

**37. Who wore a pair of large horn glasses? 2 pts**

ANSWER: PROF. PRESBURY

Professor Presbury "appeared at the front window, and we were aware of a pair of keen eyes from under shaggy brows which surveyed us through large horn glasses."
— CREE

**38. This heavy-set gentleman was looking for a governess when he wore glasses. 2 Pts**

ANSWER: JEPHRO RUCASTLE

“A prodigiously stout man with a very smiling face and a great heavy chin which rolled down in fold upon fold over his throat sat at her elbow with a pair of glasses on his nose, looking very earnestly at the ladies who …” — COPP

**39. This client of Sherlock Holmes wore glasses thinking he would be rich. 2 Pts**

ANSWER: NATHAN GARRIDEB (3GAR) or LORD ST. SIMON (NOBL)

"Our client [Nathan Garrideb] shone with pleasure and his eyes gleamed from behind his big glasses." — 3GAR

Lord St Simon: “The nobleman swung his glasses, ‘my wife was twenty before her father became a rich man...’ ‘She brought, I understand, a considerable dowry?’... As it is an open secret that the Duke of Balmoral has been compelled to sell his pictures within the last few years, and as Lord St. Simon has no property of his own save the small estate of Birchmoor.” — NOBL

**40. Sherlock Holmes guessed the name of a boat but guessed wrong. Which ship? 2 Pts**

ANSWER: CONQUEROR

“But she was married to Mr. Browner a few days afterwards. He was on the South American line when that was taken, but he was so fond of her that he couldn't abide to leave her for so long, and he got into the Liverpool and London boats." (THIS WAS THE GUESS) **"Ah, the Conqueror, perhaps?**" "No, the May Day, when last I heard. Jim came down here to see me once. That was before he broke the pledge; but afterwards he would always take drink when he was ashore.” — CARD

**41. Name the three sea vessels mentioned in unpublished adventures. 3 Pts.**

ANSWER: BARQUE SOPHY ANDERSON, THE CUTTER ALICIA, MATILDA BRIGGS, FRIESLAND

“I find an account of the adventure of the Paradol Chamber, of the Amateur Mendicant Society, who held a luxurious club in the lower vault of a furniture warehouse, of the facts connected with the loss of the British **barque ‘Sophy Anderson.**’” — FIVE

“Among these unfinished tales is that of Mr. James Phillimore, who, stepping back into his own house to get his umbrella, was never more seen in this world. No less remarkable is that of, which sailed one spring morning into a small patch of mist from where she never again emerged.” — THOR

"**Matilda Briggs** was not the name of a young woman, Watson," said Holmes in a reminiscent voice. "It was a ship which is associated with the giant rat of Sumatra, a story for which the world is not yet prepared.” — SUSS

“I find, on looking over my notes, that this period includes the case of the papers of Ex-President Murillo, and also the shocking affair of **the Dutch steamship Friesland**, which so nearly cost us both our lives.” — EMPT

**42. Name the ship that a sailor got on his knees and kissed its deck. 2 Pts.**

ANSWER: ROCK OF GIBRALTOR

“I met her when she was a passenger and I was first officer of the ROCK OF GIBRALTAR. From the first day I met her, she was the only woman to me. Every day of that voyage I loved her more, and many a time since have I kneeled down in the darkness of the night watch and kissed the deck of that ship because I knew her dear feet had trod it.” — ABBE

**43. Name the ship that was going to sale to the America in three days. 2 Pts.**

ANSWER: RURITANIA

It was simply that among the passengers on **the Cunard boat Ruritania**, starting from Liverpool on Friday, was the Baron Adelbert Gruner, who had some important financial business to settle in the States before his impending wedding to Miss Violet de Merville, only daughter of, etc., etc. Holmes listened to the news with a cold, concentrated look upon his pale face, which told me that it hit him hard. **"Friday!" he cried. "Only three clear days.** — ILLU

**44. Name the ship that transported a doctor with a bullet wound. 2 Pts.**

ANSWER: ORONTES

I was so weak and emaciated that a medical board determined that not a day should be lost in sending me back to England. I was dispatched, accordingly, in the troopship **"Orontes,"** and landed a month later on Portsmouth jetty, with my health irretrievably ruined, but with permission from a paternal government to spend the next nine months in attempting to improve it. — STUD

**45. Name the ship where a man was murdered *in a storm*. 2 Pts.**

ANSWER: PALMYRA OR SEA UNICORN

“… he will always be Jack Douglas of Benito Canon to me. I told you that they started together for South Africa in **the Palmyra** three weeks ago." "Exactly." "The ship reached Cape Town last night. I received this cable from Mrs. Douglas this morning: Jack has been **lost overboard in gale** off St. Helena. No one knows how accident occurred. IVY DOUGLAS.” "Ha! It came like that, did it?" said Holmes thoughtfully. "Well, I've no doubt it was well stage-managed." "You mean that you think there was no accident?" "None in the world." "**He was murdered**?" — VALL

“I saw the skipper tie up his heels and put him over the rail in the middle watch of a dark night It was given that the man had either thrown himself overboard or fallen overboard in heavy weather.” —BLAC

**46. Name the boat that sank while carrying three murderers. 2 Pts.**

ANSWER: NORAH CREINA OR BARQUE LONE STAR accepted

From that night nothing has been seen of the **three murderers** by the police, and it is surmised at Scotland Yard that they were among the passengers of the ill-fated steamer Norah Creina, which was lost some years ago with all hands upon the Portuguese coast, some leagues to the north of Oporto. — RESI

**47. Name the two railway stations mentioned the most times in the Canon. 4 Pts.**

ANSWER: CHARING CROSS AND WATERLOO

*Charing Cross — ABBE, EMPT, GOLD, ILLU, SCAN, SECO*

*Waterloo — CROO, FIVE, HOUN, NAVA, SOLI, SPEC*

**48. Inspector Lestrade appears in a dozen adventures in the Canon, which Scotland yard inspector is next? 2 Pts.**

ANSWER: GREGSON

Gregson — GREE, REDC, SIGN, STUD, WIST

**49. What type of tree is mentioned the most times in the Canon? 4 Pts.**

*ANSWER: OAK*

*Oak — ABBE, FIVE, HOUN, MUSG, REIG, SOLI*

**50. It seems that every woman in the Canon is named Violet but what female given name appears more times in the Canon? Name the women. 10 Pts**

ANSWER: MARY FRASER BRACKENSTALL (ABBE), MARY CUSHING BROWNER (CARD), MARY HOLDER (BERY), MARY MABERLY (3GAB), MARY MORSTAN (SIGN), MARY SUTHERLAND (IDEN), MARY (FIVE), MARY MABERLEY (3GAB), MARY JANE (SCAN), SINGING MARY (VALL).

“He had thrilled them with "I'm Sitting on the Stile, **Mary,"** and "On the Banks of Allan Water." — VALL

“Tell Mary that I shall want a fire in my room to-day, and send down to Fordham, the Horsham lawyer.” — FIVE

**51. Baker Street was mentioned in 48 stories in the Canon. What street was mentioned the next most times? 3 pts**

ANSWER: OXFORD STREET

*Oxford Street — BLUE, CHAS, EMPT, FINA, GREE, HOUN, LADY, PRIO, REDH, RESI*

**IT’S ALMOST OVER**

**52. We don’t get many physical descriptions of our hero Dr. John H. Watson in the Canon but who revealed that Watson had some facial hair? 3 Pts**

ANSWER: PERCY PHELPS OR SHERLOCK HOLMES OR UNDER-GARDENER

"Shall I leave, Percy?" she asked. He clutched her hand to detain her. "How are you, Watson?" said he, cordially. "**I should never have known you under that moustache**, and I dare say you would not be prepared to swear to me. This I presume is your celebrated friend, Mr. Sherlock Holmes?" — NAVA

“Why Watson, even your modest moustache would have been singed.” — REDC

The under-gardener chasing Holmes & Watson at the scene of the murder of Charles Augustus Milverton, who described Watson to Inspector Lestrade (unknown to Lestrade).
— CHAS

**53. This location had a bridge, was home to a hero of an unpublished adventure and was the location of an accused’s alibi. Name the town and the three stories.**

**6 Pts.**

ANSWER: HAMMERSMITH BRIDGE (SIXN); VIGOR THE HAMMERSMITH WONDER (SUSS); THE VALET JOHN MITTON HAD AN ALIBI (SECO).

**54. As we approach the dreaded Treasure Hunt cipher, name six stories where ciphers or codes played a role? 6 Pts**

ANSWER: DANCING MEN, REDC, VALLEY OF FEAR, GLORIA SCOTT, SECOND STAIN, LAST BOW, or MUSG

"A cipher message, Holmes." My companion gave a sudden chuckle of comprehension. "And not a very obscure cipher, Watson," said he. "Why, of course, it is Italian! — REDC

“What's this, Mr. Holmes? Man, it's witchcraft! Where in the name of all that is wonderful did you get those names?" "It is a cipher that Dr. Watson and I have had occasion to solve. But why—what's amiss with the names?" — VALL

"And then in an instant the key of the riddle was in my hands, and I saw that every third word, beginning with the first, would give a message which might well drive old Trevor to despair. "It was short and terse, the warning, as I now read it to my companion: "'The game is up. Hudson has told all. Fly for your life.'” — GLOR

“"Yes, sir, a cipher telegram has been despatched." — SECO

"If you use the code which I have explained," said Holmes, "you will find that it simply means ‘Come here at once.'” — DANC

“"Out of date and waste paper. The Admiralty in some way got the alarm and every code has been changed.” — LAST

**55. After years of complaints (from Texas), consternation and frustration about the Treasure Hunt’s ciphers, it was decided to simplify this year’s offering. This is the easiest cipher in the history of the Treasure Hunt. Can you solve the cipher and find the hidden recognizable Canonical phrase? 15 Pts**

ANSWER: "COME, WATSON, COME!" "THE GAME IS AFOOT.” STOP

STARTING AT THE LAST WORD, USE THE FIRST LETTER OF EVERY WORD WORKING BACKWARD TO THE BEGINNING.

“You have completed the questions! The Hunt is nearly over! Don’t be fooled by **p**arts **o**f **t**he **s**tories. **T**here’s **o**ne **o**bstacle **f**or **a**ll. **S**herlock **i**s **e**ngaged! (**M**iss **A**gatha’s **g**entleman.) **E**very **H**olmesian **t**hat **e**ncouraged **M**oriarty (**o**mnipresent **c**riminal) **n**ow **o**bjects! **S**tay **t**enacious **a**s **W**atson **e**ncounters **m**y **o**dious **c**ipher.”

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