

FORENSIC SCIENCE SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's legendary detective, Sherlock Holmes, applied many of the principles of modern forensic science long before the police adopted them. Holmes was a keen observer, and he was able to draw conclusions from his observations. His exceptional powers of observation, coupled with deductive reasoning, combined to confound those with lesser powers, including the local constabulary.

In *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, Holmes demonstrates his amazing skills by solving a legendary mystery that has plagued the Baskervilles for generations. Accompanied by the long-suffering Dr. Watson, Holmes haunts the environs of Baskerville Hall to gather evidence and to solve the astonishing case of *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. Adrian Conan Doyle, Sir Arthur's youngest son and literary executor stated in an introduction to *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, "a lesser man would have called it a dog". What a tribute to Sir Arthur, Holmes' creator!

Holmes stated that when examining evidence and drawing conclusions from the evidence, "If you eliminate the impossible, whatever remains, no matter how improbable, is the solution." So, hone your deductive reasoning skills, and after reading *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, write a paper, minimum of 3 pages, that covers the following points:

- ❖ What is the curse that has haunted the Baskervilles for generations?
- ❖ How did Sir Charles Baskerville die?
- ❖ Describe the "*Hound*".
- ❖ What is the significance of Sir Henry Baskerville's two missing boots?
- ❖ What is the true relationship between Mr. Stapleton and his "sister"?
- ❖ How do the Barrymores figure in the mystery?
- ❖ What evidence did Holmes find while in disguise on the moor?
- ❖ What happened to the convict? Why?
- ❖ How did Holmes deduce Stapleton's true identity?
- ❖ Describe several observations that Holmes made that led to the solution of the mystery.

As for the technical aspects of the paper:

- ❖ 10 or 12 point font, preferably Times New Roman
- ❖ margins not to exceed one inch
- ❖ don't justify
- ❖ paper is due the **first day of school**

So grab your deerstalker cap and tell Watson to bring his service revolver because the game is afoot!