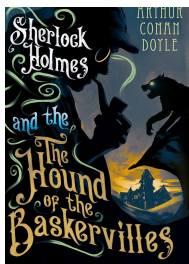


Millennium Charter Academy's 8th Grade Summer Reading



Text: *The Hound of the Baskervilles*

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Based on a local legend of a spectral hound that haunted Dartmoor in Devonshire, England, the story is set in the moors at Baskerville Hall and the nearby Grimpen Mire, and the action takes place mostly at night, when the terrifying hound howls for blood. After Sir Charles Baskerville is found dead with his face twisted in stark terror, Holmes is called upon to protect his heir, Sir Henry Baskerville.

While reading, annotate the entirety of the book. Use the “pencil annotation marks” key below to interact with the text as you read. Think about important ideas, words and actions in the story, ask questions, and seek out answers when you don’t understand something (write question marks next to things you have questions about).

Pencil annotation mark you can use:

- Circle: new words/vocab
- Solid underline: main ideas / themes
- Squiggle underline: details
- Star: important passages (to be used infrequently)
- Arrows: making connections
- Bracket: longer important passages
- Vertical mark: to re-emphasize something that has already been previously underlined or bracketed
- Question mark: I don't understand
- Check mark: I understand, or I have confirmed a prediction
- Exclamation point: something new, exciting, surprising

Answer the following questions:

(Your work should be double spaced and in cursive.)

1. What is the story’s setting? In what place and time period does the story occur?
2. Briefly describe the major events in the story in the order they occurred.
3. What conflicts arise in the book, and how are they resolved? Do any remain unresolved?
4. In what ways do characters demonstrate the habits of thinking, excellence, and perseverance?
5. Make a list of ways that different characters show courage, responsibility, compassion, honesty, or respect. Be specific in your description of the character’s conduct and record the page number from your text so that you can share each passage with your classmates during discussion.
6. Did you enjoy reading the book? If yes, why? If not, how could it have been better?

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