Sherlock Holmes was a fictional detective created by Arthur Conan Doyle, a medical doctor who preferred writing to attending his patients.

The bizarre pipe smoking resident of 221b Baker Street, London, first appeared in print late in 1887, in the novel 'A Study in Scarlet'. The idea of the detective story was in its childhood and Sherlock Holmes was immediately popular, helping to deliver a passion for mystery and detection stories that lasted over a century later.

The stories of Sherlock Holmes antics with his acolyte, the go wrong and ever patient, Dr Watson' and Holmes’ arch-enemy' Professor James Moriarty' were then serialized in 'A Scandal in Bohemia', published in 1891 in The Strand magazine.

Holmes was a Bohemian. He alternated between days or weeks of listless lassitude and similar periods of intense engagement, with a challenging case or with his hobby, experimental chemistry, or with his violin. Holmes always had, of course, his pipe, that was forever between his lips, as well as his tendency to bend the truth and break the law, when it fitted his purposes.

Doyle designed the character of Holmes on his lecturer at Edinburgh medical school, Joseph Bell, who was a pioneer in the new science of forensics.

The nature of the stories, reported by Watson even though they are reports of actual crimes, has caused big confusion over the years. Many readers have finished the stories uncertain of whether they have read fiction or fact. To confuse them further, researchers entered into the game, pretending that Holmes and Watson were real, and Doyle was just Watson’s literary agent. Their game was to apply Holmes’ own methods to analyzing the stories and trying to explain the contradictions. Journals then published their research, with their editors under the impression that Holmes and Watson were actual people.

<http://www.thebiographychannel.co.uk/biographies/sherlock-holmes.html>

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Question Sheet

1- Who is the author that created Sherlock Holmes?

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2- What is the address of Sherlock Holmes’ residence?

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3- Name two (2) adjectives that best describe Dr. Watson.

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4- Which Sherlock Holmes’ story has been published in 1891?

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5- What is the name of the musical instrument Sherlock Holmes plays?

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6- Who is Sherlock Holmes’ arch-enemy?

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7- Who is Joseph Bell?

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8- Which thing was ‘’forever between his lips’’?

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9- Were Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson real people?

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**Pre-activity**

-What do you know about Sherlock Holmes? (10 mins.)

* Profession?
* Companion?
* Country? City?
* Have you read the stories? Seen the movies?
* How was he dressed?
* Which police group was he helping?

-Show and explain the text.

-Show and explain the question sheet. (5 mins)

-Students do the activity. (45 mins.)

**Post-Activity**

-Correct the question sheet. (10 mins.)

-Ask if questions were too easy or difficult. (5 mins.)