

Play: *The Hound of the Baskervilles* • Issue: November 10-24, 2008

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Reading the Signs

To draw conclusions from a text, use clues from the story along with your own prior knowledge.

Directions: After reading *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, explain what you concluded from the following lines of dialogue or narration. Be sure to explain why and how you arrived at that conclusion.

SCENE 1

N1: It's a dreary November morning in 1902. Rain batters against the rooftops of London.

N2: Sherlock Holmes, the famous detective, reads the newspaper while his assistant, Dr. Watson, eats breakfast.

I concluded that: _____

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Holmes: Sit down, Dr. Mortimer. Tell me everything.

Mortimer: Several days ago, police found Sir Charles Baskerville's dead body near the gate to his manor in Devonshire. I was his neighbor, and the neighbor of the three other Baskervilles who lived in the Hall. All of them died this year!

I concluded that: _____

SCENE 7

N4: Dr. Watson arranges to meet with Mrs. Stapleton in secret. He hopes to collect evidence to prove his suspicions about her sinister character.

N1: On his way to meet her, he gets lost in the dark, foggy swamp. Out of nowhere, a shepherd's walking stick smacks Dr. Watson in the head. He slumps into unconsciousness.

I concluded that: _____

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