***The Hound of the Baskervilles* Study Questions**

**Answer each question on your own paper.**

**Chapters 1-3**

1. Who is the narrator of the story?

2. What item has been left at Sherlock Holmes’ home?

3. What conclusions does Dr. Watson make about the owner of the item? What are his reasons?

4. What conclusions does Holmes make about the owner of the item? What are his reasons?

5. What is the purpose of Dr. Mortimer’s visit?

6. How does Mortimer inadvertently insult Holmes?

7. Briefly summarize the contents of the manuscript. What is the curse on the Baskervilles?

8. Summarize the circumstances of Sir Charles’ death.

9. What information was excluded from the newspaper account of Sir Charles’ death?

10. Who is scheduled to arrive in London?

11. What important deduction does Holmes make about the cause of Sir Charles’ death?

**Chapters 4-6**

1. What does Sir Henry receive upon his arrival in London?

2. What does Holmes deduce about this item?

3. What happens to Sir Henry’s boot?

4. What do Holmes and Watson discover after Sir Henry and Dr. Mortimer leave?

5. What is Cartwright’s assignment?

6. What does Holmes deduce from the hotel register?

7. How does Holmes plan to determine if Barrymore is actually the man following them?

8. What does Holmes is the reason he sends Dr. Watson to Baskerville Hall instead of going there himself?

9. What missing object does Sir Henry find in his room? What else has gone missing?

10. What does Holmes learn from the cabman?

11. Why is there a mounted soldier on the road next to the moor?

12. Why do Mr. and Mrs. Barrymore plan to leave Baskerville Hall?

13. What does Watson hear late at night at Baskerville Hall?

**Chapters 7-9**

1. About what does Mr. Barrymore lie to Watson? How does Watson know that Barrymore is lying?

2. Describe Mr. Stapleton.

3. What does Stapleton say that startles Watson? How does Stapleton rationalize having this information?

4. How does Stapleton describe the Grimpen Mire? What does he claim he is able to do regarding the Mire?

5. Describe Miss Stapleton.

6. What does Stapleton’s sister tell Watson? Why does she tell him this?

7. What was Stapleton’s profession before coming to live in Merripit House? Why did he leave his profession?

7. List the important events in Watson’s **first** report to Holmes.

8. Describe Mr. Frankland. What does he take great pleasure in doing?

9. How does Sir Henry feel about Miss Stapleton?

10. How does Stapleton react when he encounters Sir Henry and Miss Stapleton embracing?

11. Why does Barrymore hold a candle to the window?

12. What do Sir Henry and Dr. Watson do after they hear Barrymore’s confession?

**Chapters 10-12**

1. Why does Watson feel a sense of impending danger?

2. What does Barrymore tell Sir Henry in return for his promise not reveal Selden’s whereabouts to the police?

Why had he kept this information secret?

3. What does Mortimer tell Watson about Laura Lyons?

4. What does Barrymore reveal about the dark stranger on the moor?

5. What is Watson’s first impression upon meeting Laura Lyons? What is his second?

6. Why did Mrs. Lyons write Sir Charles the letter asking to meet with him?

7. What useful information does Frankland unknowingly give to Watson?

8. Who is the dark stranger on the moor? Why has he been concealing his identity?

9. What does Holmes reveal to Watson about the Stapletons and Laura Lyons?

10. What has happened to Selden? Why do Holmes and Watson at first think Selden is Sir Henry?

11. Who arrives on the moor as Watson and Holmes are inspecting the body? How does he react upon seeing

Selden’s body?

**Chapters 13-15**

1. What does Homes deduce after looking at the portraits in Baskerville Hall?

2. Watson wants to have Stapleton arrested at once. Why does Holmes say this is not a good idea?

3. What does Holmes tell Sir Henry the next morning? What does Holmes instruct Sir Henry to do?

4. Whose help does Holmes enlist in preparation for apprehending Stapleton?

5. Why does Mrs. Lyons agree to help Holmes?

5. What does Mrs. Lyons tell Holmes regarding Stapleton and her meeting with Sir Charles?

6. What do Holmes, Watson, and Lestrade observe upon sneaking to Stapleton’s house?

7. What does Holmes say might disarrange his plans?

8. What happens when Sir Henry leaves Stapleton’s house?

9. Briefly describe the Hound of the Baskervilles.

10. What happens to the Hound?

11. What caused the hound’s frightening, supernatural appearance?

12. Who does Holmes, Watson, and Lestrade find tied up in Stapleton’s house? What does she tell them?

13. What do Holmes and Watson find in the Mire? What was it used for?

14. What happens to Stapleton?

15. What do Holmes and Watson discover about Stapleton’s identity?

16. How did Stapleton kill Sir Charles?

17. What was Stapleton’s motive for his crimes against the Baskervilles?