

Lesson 1

The Hound of the Baskervilles

Chapters 1-3

Lesson 1 Directions

Pre-Reading

1. Preview (read through) the study questions for *The Hound of the Baskervilles* Chapters 1-3
2. Complete the *Vocabulary Worksheet for The Hound of the Baskervilles* Chapters 1-3

Reading

1. Read *The Hound of the Baskervilles* Chapters 1-3
2. Keep your study questions in mind as you read.

Post-Reading

1. Answer all of the study guide questions for Chapters 1-3.
2. Complete the *Reader Response Assignment* for Chapters 1-3.

Vocabulary Chapters 1-3 Part I

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the bold words mean in the space provided.

1. I am afraid, my dear Watson, that most of your conclusions were **erroneous**.
2. I **presume** that it is Mr. Sherlock Holmes whom I am addressing and not—
3. Learn then from this story not to fear the fruits of the past, but rather to be **circumspect** in the future...
4. Now, for some space the revelers stood **agape**...
5. At the last instant came this terrible **catastrophe**.
6. I checked and **corroborated** all the facts which were mentioned at the inquest.
7. They all agreed that it was a huge creature, **luminous**, ghostly, and spectral.
8. They all agreed that it was a huge creature, luminous, ghostly, and **spectral**.
9. I speak now not as a medical man but as a trustee and **executor** of Sir Charles's will.
10. ...several people saw this **apparition** upon the moor.

Vocabulary Chapters 1-3 Part II

Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| 1. erroneous | A. Supported with other evidence |
| 2. presume | B. In a state of amazement with the mouth wide open |
| 3. circumspect | C. Ghostly figure |
| 4. agape | D. Assume; take for granted |
| 5. catastrophe | E. Ghostly |
| 6. corroborated | F. A great, often sudden calamity |
| 7. luminous | G. Mistaken |
| 8. spectral | H. Person appointed to carry out a will |
| 9. executor | I. Prudent; mindful of circumstances |
| 10. apparition | J. Emitting light |

Study Questions Chapters 1-3

1. Who is the narrator?
2. From what object did Watson and Holmes learn about James Mortimer? What clues did it provide?
3. What did Holmes deduce from the clues on the stick?
4. How did Mortimer inadvertently insult Holmes?
5. What was Dr. Mortimer's relationship with Sir Charles Baskerville?
6. What did the manuscript dated 1742 say?
7. What were the circumstances of Sir Charles Baskerville's death?

Study Questions Chapters 1-3 (2)

8. Who was Charles Baskerville's next of kin?
9. What were the "private facts" Dr. Mortimer told Holmes?
10. Why had no one else seen the footprints of the hound?
11. Describe the creature on the moor that several people had seen prior to Charles's death.
12. What did Dr. Mortimer want of Holmes?
13. Who were Charles's other kinsmen?
14. What advice did Holmes give Mortimer?
15. What was Holmes's theory about Charles's death?



Reader Response Entry Chapters 1-3

In the space below, write a substantial response to the chapters of the book you have just read. It could be your thoughts on one of the following: an idea presented, an event, a character's actions or attitude, a topic related in some way to something presented in this section of the novel, a response to a particular passage that stood out to you as you read, or you could write a creative response like a poem or song lyrics as long as it is relevant in some way to what you have just read.