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THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES: AN EXERCISE IN CHARACTERIZATION

Indirect Characterization:

TEXT REFERENCE	CHARACTER	ANALYSIS
<p>“...save upon those not infrequent occasions when he was up all night...” (pg 9)</p>	<p>Sherlock Holmes</p>	<p><i>If Holmes often stays up all night, presumably working, then he is obviously dedicated to his job (perhaps overly so).</i></p>
<p>“The thick-iron ferrule is worn down, so it is evident that he has done a great amount of walking with it” (pg 10)</p>	<p>Dr. Watson</p>	
<p>“He had never said as much before, and I must admit that his words gave me keen pleasure...” (pg 11)</p>	<p>Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson</p>	
	<p>James Mortimer</p>	

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Direct Characterization:

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“who was usually very late in the mornings” (pg 9)	<i>Sherlock Holmes</i>

What are two similarities between Holmes and Watson? What are two differences?

Who is James Mortimer? What do we learn about him from the deduction techniques of Holmes and Watson?

Given the mysterious nature of a Sherlock Holmes novel and the deductive techniques of the characters, why would Doyle choose to use more indirect characterization than direct characterization?