

Sherlock Holmes

Final Essay

Please choose one essay prompt from the prompts below. Please write a standard Humanities department essay: 4-5 paragraphs, 6-8 sentences each paragraph. **Please use quotes from the story to illustrate your points and ideas. Use parenthetical notation to list the page of the quote.** I am interested in your opinions in the essay, so feel free to use “I” statements. **This essay is due Wednesday April 16, 2025. Remember, we will not be meeting in class on this day, so make sure you either give it to Erin or send it to her.** Please see Erin if you need help or have any questions.

1. Write a detailed character analysis of Sherlock Holmes. What are his definitive character traits? What is the method he uses to solve mysteries, and what does this tell us about his personality? What role does Watson have in his method? What do you think he would be doing today?
2. In many ways, Sherlock Holmes straddles two very different centuries. In what ways does Sherlock embrace modernity in his changing world? How does he incorporate modern technology, and learning into his practice? Do you think this makes Sherlock Holmes a “timeless” character?