

Hound Chapters 3, 4 & 5 Comprehension Questions

Chapter 3

1. What causes Holmes almost to consider Dr. Mortimer a colleague?
2. Why does Watson leave Holmes for the evening?
3. At what point does Holmes say he would end his investigation?
4. What does Holmes conclude about Sir Charles Baskerville's strange change in footprints?
5. *Of course, if Dr. Mortimer's surmise should be correct, and we are dealing with forces outside the ordinary laws of Nature, there is an end of our investigation. But we are bound to exhaust all other hypotheses before falling back upon this one. (p.29)*

Why does Holmes say that they are "bound to exhaust all other hypotheses" before the supernatural one?

Chapter 4

1. Why does Sir Henry Baskerville say he would have come to see Holmes, even if Dr. Mortimer had not introduced them?
2. How does Holmes deduce that the author of the anonymous letter used cut-outs from an article of the *Times* the day before?
3. What leads Holmes to believe that the anonymous letter was written in a hurry and in a hotel?
4. What motivates Sir Henry Baskerville to go to Baskerville Hall, though he knows there may be some danger?
5. Why do you think Holmes hires a boy, rather than an adult, to help him with his investigation?

Chapter 5

1. By checking the hotel register, what does Holmes establish?
2. Along with his new brown boot, what item has Sir Henry discovered to be missing?
3. How are Holmes' three threads snapped?
4. Why does Holmes say that the spy is "worthy of [his] steel"?
5. What convinces Holmes that Sir Henry should go to Baskerville Hall and face whatever danger is there?
6. What compliment does Holmes give Watson in this chapter? How does it affect Watson?