



## Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of Sherlock Holmes

On 22 May 1859, Conan Doyle, the literary father of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John H. Watson, was born.

Under <http://www.siracd.com/index.shtml> and the links *Doyle's Life/Timeline of Events*, *Sherlock Holmes/Who's Who*, *.../Inspiration for Holmes* and *.../The Death of Sherlock Holmes* you'll find some information about his life and work.

If you read all this information carefully, it will be easy for you to find the right answers to our questions. Good luck!

### 1. Conan Doyle was born in

- a) London.
- b) Dublin.
- c) Edinburgh.

### 2. At the University of Edinburgh he studied

- a) Literature.
- b) Medicine.
- c) Criminalistics.

### 3. In 1902, Conan Doyle

- a) received the Nobel Prize of Literature.
- b) was knighted.
- c) finished his work as an author.

### 4. On the Greenland whaler *Hope* Conan Doyle served as

- a) a ship's surgeon.
- b) a whaler catching whales.
- c) the ship's captain.

### 5. The character of Sherlock Holmes was inspired by

- a) Agatha Christie's character Miss Marple.
- b) Italian police-inspector Commisario Brunetti.
- c) Dr. Joseph Bell.

**6. Dr. Joseph Bell whom Conan Doyle met at the University of Edinburgh was**

- a) one of his professors.
- b) the director of the university's medical service.
- c) one of Conan Doyle's fellow-students.

**7. Conan Doyle decided to let the character of Sherlock Holmes die because**

- a) he wanted to finish writing and become a university professor.
- b) he was weary of writing stories of Sherlock Holmes.
- c) the readers didn't like Sherlock Holmes stories any more.

**8. Sherlock Holmes died**

- a) in an air crash.
- b) in the Swiss Alps.
- c) during a chemical experiment.

**9. Irene Adler was**

- a) his teacher at the boarding school which he attended as a boy.
- b) his mother's best friend.
- c) the woman whom Sherlock Holmes respected.

**10. Mrs Hudson was**

- a) Sherlock Holmes's grandmother.
- b) Sherlock Holmes's neighbour who helped him solve several crimes.
- c) Sherlock Holmes's landlady.

**11. Dr. John H. Watson was**

- a) Sherlock Holmes's friend and companion.
- b) Sherlock Holmes's professor at the University of Edinburgh.
- c) Sherlock Holmes's uncle.

**12. The title of the first Sherlock Holmes story is**

- a) Lady in Red.
- b) A Study in Red.
- c) A Study in Scarlet.

And for those who want more about Sherlock Holmes, go to

[http://www.siraed.com/games\\_puzzle1.shtml](http://www.siraed.com/games_puzzle1.shtml) and do a Sherlock Holmes Crossword Puzzle.

The Sherlock Holmes fiction page [http://www.siraed.com/work\\_list\\_sh.shtml](http://www.siraed.com/work_list_sh.shtml) will help you with your answers.

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