

**2024 JOHN H. WATSON SOCIETY TREASURE HUNT  
SPECIAL BONUS QUESTION**

Over the years, some contestants have complained about the difficulty of the Treasure Hunt. For those who have complained, this bonus question is for you:

**Bonus Question:**

**Name a color of Sherlock Holmes' dressing gown. 10 points for a correct answer.**

- 1. This foreign law enforcement official was admired by a medical professional and a consulting detective in two different stories. Name the official and the stories. 3 Pts**
- 2. Holmes reminded Watson of one of this author's characters and made him throw down his newspaper. Name the author and character. 2 Pts**
- 3. What is the earliest year that is specifically mentioned in the Canon? 2 Pts**
- 4. Name the person who suffered a war injury similar to Dr. Watson's. 2 Pts**
- 5. Name the man who had the same name as some real estate he didn't own. It wasn't Holderness. 2 Pts**

**TIME FOR SOME HEART-BREAKING QUESTIONS**

**Can you name the couples whose engagements ended prematurely?**

- 6. Three days after a breaking and entering? 2 Pts**
- 7. Two days before the wedding? 2 Pts**
- 8. The day of the wedding? 2 Pts**
- 9. After her daddy became rich? 2 Pts**
- 10. After he fell for another man's daughter? 2 Pts**
- 11. Upon mutual consent? 2 Pts**
- 12. After birds were harmed? 2 Pts**
- 13. Because she didn't like his career choice? 2 Pts**
- 14. After he turned his back on her? 2 Pts**
- 15. After he went for a swim? 2 Pts**

## I'M HUNGRY. LET'S EAT – RESTAURANTS

16. Which London restaurant was mentioned in the most stories in the Canon? Name the stories. 3 Pts

17. Name the two restaurants that hosted the first meeting of the Baker Street Irregulars and the Sherlock Holmes Society of London in 1934. 4 Pts

18. Can you name the restaurant where Holmes dined with Watson after sending him a message to come and bring his burglar tools? 2 Pts

19. Name the restaurant near where Holmes was attacked by two armed men? 2 Pts

## MISCELLANY

20. Describe the three tattoos mentioned in the Canon. 3 Pts

21. Sherlock Holmes authored several monographs on subjects from tobacco ashes and footsteps to motets, tattoos and secret writings. Can you name three monographs that he *planned* to write but had not completed? 3 Pts

22. This butler worked for his employer for five years before his employer was shot in the face. Who was the butler and the butler's previous employer? 3 Pts

23. Two women in the Canon were deaf and would provide no information to the authorities about a homicide or a secret plan. 2 Pts

24. Four persons in the Canon were described as "odious." Who were they? 4 Pts

25. "His eyes were sharp and piercing...and his thin hawklike nose gave his whole expression an air of alertness and decision. His chin, too, had the prominence and squareness which mark the man of determination." Who was the first artist to draw Sherlock Holmes? Who was the second? 2 Pts

26. Two men in the Canon were described as being "a devil incarnate." Can you name them? 2 Pts

27. Holmes wanted to discuss this English author after identifying two crucial questions he had to answer in a murder case. 2 Pts

28. Three people said Holmes would have been a great actor. Can you name them? 3 Pts

29. Who were the only two United States Presidents mentioned in the Canon? What stories? 4 Pts

30. Name the stories and three people who successfully committed suicide in the Canon. 6 Pts

31. Life preservers in the canon were not used by swimmers. Can you name three persons who possessed one? 3 Pts

32. Holmes and Watson used fictitious names and occupations in one story. Name the names, occupations and story. 5 Pts

33. Two men's faces were compared with fruit. Can you name the men, the fruit and the stories? 6 Pts

34. Other than Anna Coram, name two others who used a pince-nez in the Canon? 2 Pts

### **CAN YOU SEE ME?**

John H. Watson's literary agent studied ophthalmology in Germany before returning to England.

35. In the Canon, five people wore corrective lenses that were gold in color. Name them and the story. 10 pts

36. Three person's lens were tinted. Name them and the stories. 6 pts

37. Who wore a pair of large horn glasses? 2 pts

38. This heavy-set gentleman wore glasses while searching for a governess. 2 Pts

39. This client of Sherlock Holmes wore glasses thinking he would be rich. 2 Pts

### **SHIP SHAPE**

40. Sherlock Holmes guessed the name of a boat but guessed wrong. Which ship? 2 Pts

41. Name three sea vessels mentioned in unpublished adventures. 3 Pts.

42. Name the ship that a sailor got on his knees and kissed its deck. 2 Pts.

43. Name the ship that was going to sale to the America in three days. 2 Pts.

44. Name the ship that transported a doctor with a bullet wound. 2 Pts.

45. Name the ship where a man was murdered *in a storm*. 2 Pts.

**46. Name the boat that sank while carrying three murderers. 2 Pts.**

#### **BY THE NUMBERS**

**47. Name the two railway stations mentioned the most times in the Canon. 4 Pts.**

**48. Inspector Lestrade appears in a dozen adventures in the Canon, which Scotland Yard inspector is next? 2 Pts**

**49. What type of tree appears the most times in the Canon? 4 Pts**

**50. It seems that every woman in the Canon is named Violet but what female given name appears more times in the Canon? Name all the women. 10 Pts**

**51. Baker Street was mentioned in 48 stories in the Canon. What street was mentioned the next most times? 3 Pts.**

#### **IT'S ALMOST OVER**

**52. We don't get many physical descriptions of our hero Dr. John H. Watson in the Canon but who revealed that Watson had some facial hair? 3 Pts**

**53. This location had a bridge, was home to a hero of an unpublished adventure and was the location of an accused's alibi. Name the town and the three stories. 6 Pts.**

**54. As we approach the dreaded Treasure Hunt cipher, name six stories where ciphers or codes played a role? 6 Pts**

#### **CIPHER TIME**

**55. After years of consternation, frustration and complaints (mainly from Texas), about the Treasure Hunt's ciphers, it was decided to simplify this year's offering. This is the easiest cipher in the history of the Treasure Hunt! Can you solve the following cipher and find the hidden recognizable Canonical phrase? 15 Pts**

#### **2024 TREASURE HUNT CIPHER**

"You have completed the questions! The Hunt is nearly over! Don't be fooled by parts of the stories. There's one obstacle for all. Sherlock is engaged! (Miss Agatha's gentleman.) Every Holmesian that encouraged Moriarty (omnipresent criminal) now objects! Stay tenacious as Watson encounters my odious cipher."

## RULES

The Annual John H Watson Canonical Treasure Hunt will be posted on the Society's website on the [Treasure Hunt page](#) at ~~exactly midnight (Pacific) on July 31<sup>st</sup>~~ **on August 2<sup>nd</sup>** this year. A link will be posted at that time to allow participants to download the Treasure Hunt as a .pdf document. All participants will have an equal opportunity relative to time and access. The Treasure Hunt will end at 12 a.m. (Pacific) on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. All categories of competition will be required to meet the same deadline.

1. The Treasure Hunt will have four categories: Open Individual and Open Team. One individual and one team will be accorded High Honors with runners-up given Honors. As the competition is Open, participants do not have to be members of the John H Watson Society to compete. No registration is necessary. To be considered for Honors, simply submit answers as per below.
2. Participants may enter as individuals or as teams of two to five. Participants may not compete as both an individual contestant and a team member, and individual participants and team participants may not confer on their answers.
3. All requests for clarification of questions shall be either posted to this post or sent via email to the Treasure Hunt Master by email at [rkrisciu@yahoo.com](mailto:rkrisciu@yahoo.com).
4. The winners will be determined by two criteria: (1) Number of correct answers, and (2) Time of receipt of the answers by email at [rkrisciu@yahoo.com](mailto:rkrisciu@yahoo.com). Answers may be submitted in a numbered list in the body of the email or in a document attached to the email. Attachment formats should be either .pdf, .doc or .docx; handwritten documents are acceptable when scanned as a .pdf. If submitting a handwritten document, please print clearly. Each submission must include the name(s) of the participant(s), contact email for each participant, and one contact telephone number.
5. The announcement of the Honors will be posted no later than September 14. A fully documented answer guide to the Treasure Hunt will be posted at the time the winners are announced.
6. All matters concerning the Treasure Hunt, the contest, the answers, and the determination of the Honors will be the sole decision of the John H Watson Society Directors. The only purpose of the Annual John H. Watson Society Canonical Treasure Hunt is to encourage fun, collegiality, scholarship, and a deeper understanding of the writings of John H Watson, MD.