

6C Conan Doyle: Worksheet

1 Watch the video report. Complete the fact file.

CONAN DOYLE

Conan Doyle's early life:

Conan Doyle was born in Scotland in: ¹ _____

Went to university in: ² _____

Conan Doyle worked as a: ³ _____

Holmes and London:

Sherlock Holmes lived at: ⁴ _____

At this address in London there is a: ⁵ _____

The only day you can't visit is: ⁶ _____

Film adaptations:

Basil Rathbone played Holmes in ⁷ _____ films

Robert Downey Jr. played Holmes in the year: ⁸ _____

Conan Doyle's later life:

Conan Doyle died in the year: ⁹ _____

2 Watch the report again and answer the questions.

1 How are the *Sherlock Holmes* stories described?

2 What is there in Edinburgh?

3 In which country did Sherlock Holmes die?

4 Why did Conan Doyle change his mind?

5 What can you buy at the Sherlock Holmes shop?

6 When was the BBC drama set?

6C Conan Doyle: Answer key

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- 1 1859
- 2 Edinburgh
- 3 doctor
- 4 221b Baker Street
- 5 museum
- 6 Christmas Day
- 7 fourteen
- 8 2009
- 9 1930

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- 1 exciting, mysterious and full of adventure
- 2 a statue of Sherlock Holmes
- 3 Switzerland
- 4 because many people wrote letters to Conan Doyle
- 5 souvenirs and *Sherlock Holmes* books
- 6 modern times

6C Conan Doyle: Script

Arthur Conan Doyle was born in Scotland in 1859. He's most famous for his stories about Sherlock Holmes.

Sherlock Holmes was a very good detective, and Conan Doyle's stories about him were exciting, mysterious and full of adventure. Sherlock Holmes solved crimes with the help of his friend, Dr Watson.

Arthur Conan Doyle went to university in Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland. There's a statue of Sherlock Holmes in the centre of the city.

Arthur Conan Doyle moved to the south of England after university and became a doctor. He wrote stories about Sherlock Holmes in his free time.

The first story about Sherlock Holmes was called *A Study in Scarlet*.

Arthur Conan Doyle wrote twenty-five Sherlock Holmes stories between 1885 and 1895.

But he didn't want to write any more. In the story *The Final Problem*, Holmes and Watson travel to Switzerland. Here, Holmes meets his enemy, Professor Moriarty. They fight and die at the Reichenbach Waterfalls.

But many people didn't like this, and they wrote so many letters to Conan Doyle that he changed his mind. And he continued writing Sherlock Holmes mysteries until 1920, twenty-five years later!

Many people around the world still love the character Sherlock Holmes.

In the stories, he lived at 221b Baker Street, in London.

Today, the house at this address is a museum, and people from all over the world visit it. Lots of people take photographs outside the museum. They dress up in Sherlock's famous hat and pipe. The museum guide dresses up as a policeman from the time of Sherlock Holmes.

The museum is open every day of the year, except Christmas Day! Inside the museum you can buy souvenirs and *Sherlock Holmes* books.

There are now many films and TV programmes about the adventures of Sherlock Holmes. From 1939 to 1946, Basil Rathbone played Sherlock Holmes in fourteen films.

In 2009, Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law played Holmes and Watson in a Hollywood blockbuster.

And in 2010, the BBC made a modern-day version in a three-part TV drama.

Arthur Conan Doyle died in 1930, here in Sussex, in the south of England.

He isn't writing stories anymore, but the memory of Arthur Conan Doyle and his famous detective lives on.