

THE
SHERLOCK HOLMES
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

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OF THE
FOUR

STUDENT
PACK



This activity pack belongs to:

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Vocabulary List

blowpipe	a long tube-like weapon used to blow a dart (or other weapon)
downstream	moving in the direction in which a stream or river flows
hawk-like	features (eyes and nose) that makes someone's appearance resemble a hawk
mudbank	mud on the bed of a river or at the bottom of the sea
pawnbroker	a person who lends money in exchange for a valuable item
Raja	an Indian king or prince
seafaring	regularly travelling by sea
upriver	moving towards the source of a river

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Oh no - Watson has dropped all of his notes!

Write numbers **1** to **8** in the boxes to put the story back in order.

Jonathan Small swears to help Mahomet Singh and Abdullah Khan steal a Raja's treasures.

Tonga climbs into the attic in Pondicherry Lodge and retrieves the hidden treasure.

Major Sholto turns on Captain Morstan and Jonathan Small and takes all of the treasure back to England.

Jonathan Small joins the army and soon a crocodile bites half of his leg off.

The four are arrested and imprisoned for life.

Jonathan Small goes back to England with Tonga, where a weak-hearted Major Sholto dies at the shock of seeing him.

Knowing that he will soon be imprisoned, Jonathan Small dumps pieces of the treasure along the River Thames so that nobody can have it.

Jonathan Small offers Major Sholto and Captain Morstan a share of the treasure in exchange for his freedom.

Score: / 8

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Create a comic strip using speech bubbles to retell the story!



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Reading Comprehension Sheet

1. What 4 clues does Sherlock find on the watch that help him work out that it belongs to Watson's brother? []

2. What brings Miss. Morstan to visit Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson?

[]

3. Which characters are in 'the four'? []

4. Explain how the treasure was taken from India to England.

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5. Why is Dr. Watson happy that Miss. Morstan doesn't inherit any fortune?

[]

Score: / 5

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Reading Comprehension Sheet - Advanced

1. Turn to page 71. Find examples from the text that fit the following literary devices, and describe the effect each one has on the reader. []

Literary device:	Example:	Effect:
onomatopoeia	whizzed;	
personification		
	like a living thing	
metaphor		

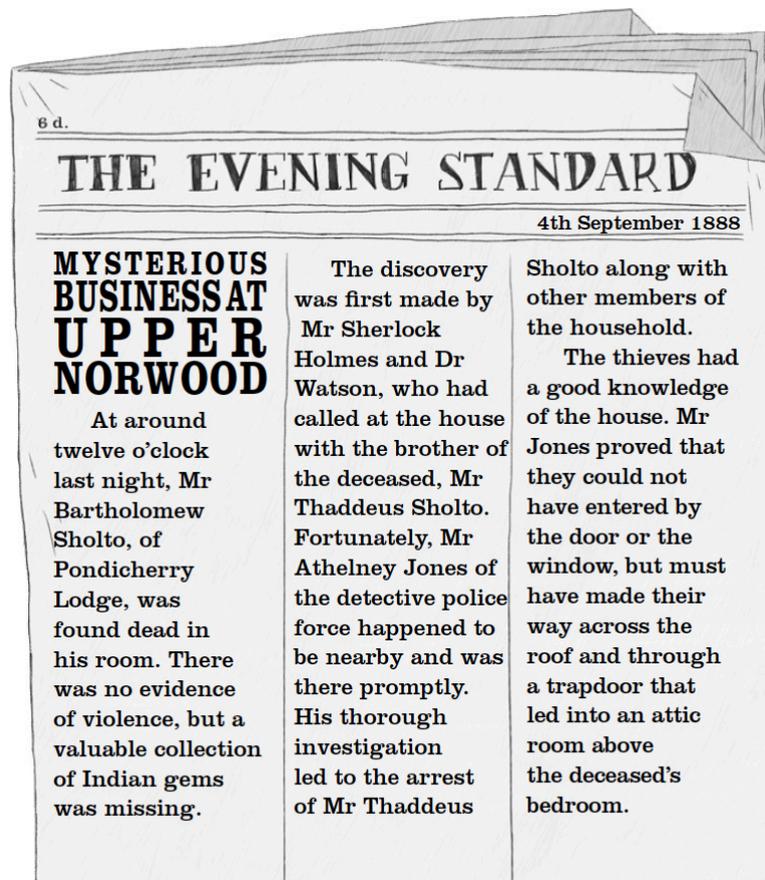
2. Turn to page 250-252. Why does Holmes not congratulate Dr. Watson on his engagement?

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3. Turn to page 183-184. What effect does Watson's descriptions of Jonathan Small have on the reader? []

Description:	Effect:
"his black, curly hair was streaked with grey"	
"there was more sorrow than anger in his expression"	
"he looked with his sharp eyes at the box"	

Questions 4-7 refer to this newspaper article from page 130.



4. What effect does the headline have on readers of The Evening Standard?

_____ []

5. Who was arrested for the murder along with members of the household?

[]

6. How did the thieves enter the house?

_____ []

7. Re-write the first column of the article using literary techniques to evoke more emotions from the reader.

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Score: / 7

