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Dear English 12 Dual Credit Student:

During the summer, students enrolled in English 12 Dual Credit will need to read the detective novel *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. In this mystery, famous detective Sherlock Holmes and his assistant Dr. Watson must solve a murder in which the prime suspect is an enormous, evil hound with supernatural powers. We think you will enjoy this classic work of detective fiction.

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As you read, you will have three tasks to complete:

1. Track and analyze elements of detective fiction and/or literary elements in each chapter and create a chart of your responses formatted like the attached example. Make sure you read and follow the instructions carefully. If possible, you should type your responses because you will be required to upload your work to turnitin.com for a plagiarism check when school starts. If you are unable to type your responses in the summer, you may write your answers on paper and then type them and submit them online after you receive your laptop the first week of school.
2. Underneath the chart, create a list of new chapter titles for each chapter. Make sure your titles are meaningful and reflect the substance and importance of each chapter.
3. Next to each chapter title on your list, compose an open-ended question that addresses an important issue in the chapter. Your question should be a “level two” question, meaning the answer is not stated explicitly in the text. Rather, the answer must be inferred through close reading of the chapter. For example, “Who are the Barrymores?” does not require any inference because they are identified directly in the novel. However, “How does the Barrymores’ secret help to create a specific mood and build suspense?” is a question that can only be answered by close reading and interpretation.

It is extremely important that you read this short novel and are prepared to submit your work on time—the second day of class. You should also expect an objective test and other assignments over this novel during the first weeks of school. Beginning the year positively and in good academic standing will provide a great start to your senior year.

If obtaining *The Hound of the Baskervilles* is a problem, or if you have other questions about the assignment, please see or email one of the Senior English teachers as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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Instructions:

1. Set up a chart on your paper, using the format below.
2. Read the novel and write two entries per chapter about any of the literary elements and/or elements of detective fiction listed below (30 entries). You need to include a variety of the elements in your chart. Do not simply write about one element over and over.
3. Make sure that your explanation column is not paraphrasing the quotation. Instead, analyze and explain how the element (the quotation) contributes to the novel. An example is provided for you. Your explanations should be at least three sentences.
4. If you use a digital version without page numbers, just put “n.p.” in place of the page numbers.

Elements of Detective Fiction:

- red herrings (clues that are or are intended to be misleading or distracting)
- remote and isolated settings
- wrongly suspected persons
- multiple suspects with plausible motives
- an intellectual and offbeat/quirky detective
- a solution to the crime through the use of deductive reasoning (The conclusion is correctly based on already proven facts; the clues lead to the solution.)

Literary Elements:

- characterization
- mood
- tone (the author’s attitude toward the subject)
- foreshadowing
- irony (verbal, situational, and/or dramatic)
- symbolism
- imagery (descriptions that convey an idea)
- theme

Chapter and Page Number	Quotation	Element	Explanation of Importance
Chapter 1, n.p.	Holmes says to Watson, “It may be that you are not yourself luminous, but you are a conductor of light. Some people without possessing genius have a remarkable power of stimulating it. I confess, my dear fellow, that I am very much in your debt.”	Characterization or quirky detective	This statement reveals the relationship between Holmes and Watson and characterizes Holmes. On one hand, Holmes praises Watson, but at that same time, he is insulting him. This statement shows that Holmes is lacking in the social skill of politeness and that he is arrogant. However, he does seem to respect his partner to some degree. This statement also raises the issue of why Watson associates with Holmes.