

"The Adventures of the Speckled Band"
By Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Checking for understanding:

1. What observations lead Holmes to deduce Helen Stoner's method of transportation to his sitting room?
2. What two sounds does miss stoner hear on the night of Julia's death?
3. What is unusual about the Bell-rope?
4. What is "The Speckled Band?"
5. What startles Miss Stoner about Holme's observation?
6. What three events cause Miss Stoner to fear for her life and prompt her urgent visit to Holmes?
7. What facts about the furnishings in Miss Stoner's Bedroom suggest a horrible crime to Holmes?
8. What "erroneuous conclusion" reminds Holmes of the dangers of reasoning from "Insufficient data"
- 9: What kind of man is Dr.Grimesby Roylott? What motivates him to commit such horrible crimes?
- 10: What is the nature of the relationship between Holmes and Watson?
What Traits make the two men such good companions?

Elements of short story:

1. What is the **point of view** of this story? Who is the **narrator**?
2. Who are the main characters? Give me an example of **indirect characterization** and **direct characterization**.
3. What is the **setting** of the story? Does the setting change at all?
Time: _____
Place: _____
Miliea: _____ (events and cultural climate of that time/place)

4. What is the central **conflict**? How is it resolved?
5. Are there long paragraphs of description? What purpose do they serve?
6. Are there important objects in the story? Are they **symbolic** in any way?
Symbol: an object used to represent something else (even an idea or feeling)
7. Are there any unexpected or surprising turn of events?
8. Identify at least two **themes** that emerge from the story.
Theme: a moral or message from the author, what the author is telling or teaching us.