

# Detecting Meaning with Sherlock Holmes\*

## Review and Feedback

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# Where do we go from here?

And so, reader, farewell to Sherlock Holmes! I thank you for your past constancy, and can but hope that some return has been made in the shape of that distraction from the worries of life and stimulating change of thought which can only be found in the fairy kingdom of romance.

Arthur Conan Doyle (Preface to [The Case Book of Sherlock Holmes](#))

## Parting Words

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Education never ends, Watson. It is a series of lessons with the greatest for the last. This is an instructive case. There is neither money nor credit in it, and yet one would wish to tidy it up. When dusk comes we should find ourselves one stage advanced in our investigation.

Sherlock Holmes [The Adventure of the Red Circle](#)

Here I had heard what he had heard, I had seen what he had seen, and yet from his words it was evident that he saw clearly not only what had happened, but what was about to happen, while to me the whole business was still confused and grotesque.

Dr John Watson, [The Red-Headed League](#)

# Reflection

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- What was the most surprising thing in this class?
- What do you think is most likely wrong?
- What do you think is the coolest thing you've learned?
- What do you think you're most likely to remember?
- How do you think this course will influence you from now on?
- What (if anything) did you hope to learn that you didn't?

This is the third time I have given this class  
I still want to make it better!