Sherlock Holmes is arguable the best detective in all of the fictional universes. Holmes first appeared as a character from novels and short stories written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The popularity of Holmes generated many adaptations of his stories for television and movies. I will mainly focus on the BBC One TV series *Sherlock* starring Benedict Cumberbatch in this review. This London based detective has impeccable ability to observe, notice and draw deductions from trivial details. He has a profound aptitude for thinking, problem solving and deductive reasoning. However, his unusual mannerism and asocial personality causes a lot of people that he interacts with to dislike him.

In the first episode of *Sherlock*, police are investigating a series of suicides where all the victims died of ingesting the same poisonous substance. Holmes is called to a crime scene where a woman is lying face down in an abandoned building. He is greeted by the lead detective and his forensic team. They only found out the name of the victim and no other leads. Holmes then scans the scene and quickly establishes all the facts of this case. He mentions that the woman’s coat is wet, even on the inside of the collar, but the umbrella she was carrying is dry. This suggests that she had been in rain and windy weather, where the wind would’ve made using the umbrella difficult. All of her jewelry is clean except for her wedding ring, but only on the outside. He deducts that she had been unhappily married for more than ten years and she does not bother to clean her ring. The inside is clean due to the regularly removal of the ring, more than likely to conduct sexual affairs with others.

Holmes then evaluates the logic of his deduction, quickly finds out that the premises does not support his conclusion. He asked the police where her suit case was and the detective says there was no suit case at the crime scene and this triggered another set of deduction. Holmes informs the detective that the victim was not alone. Implying she was driven to this location and somehow was forced into commit suicide and the killer took her suit case. Holmes realizes that her cellphone is also missing. So he sent a text message to her phone only the killer would understand.

Holmes leaves the crime as he does a final evaluation of the serial suicide case. The facts and evidences of each individual victim suggest that they all have a common theme. This also means the other victims of the series of suicides were all murdered by the same killer. He accepts this premise and then receives a call back from the victim’s phone to which he proceeds to track using the phone’s built in GPS.

Sherlock Holmes is a perfect example of critical thinking. He is able to think objectively and logically with precision and accuracy. He can determine if the premises are reasonable and identify information and leads that have been missed by others. He can also evaluate his own conclusion to his deduction to see if the premises support the conclusion.