

## The Hound of the Baskervilles

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Review these elements:

**character** a fictional person who plays a part in a story or novel

Long John Silver is an important character in *Treasure Island*.

**setting** where and when a story happens; the location and time

The setting of *A Christmas Carol* is London in the mid-1800s.

**conflict** The struggle between characters or forces at the center of the story

The conflict was resolved when the suspect confessed.

**climax** the outcome of the novel's main conflict

The capture of the criminal was the climax of the detective story.

**conclusion** the resolution of all plot conflicts, bringing the story to a close

That play's conclusion was very satisfying. Every conflict was resolved.

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Complete the plot study below from the book you have read.

**PLOT STUDY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(TITLE OF NOVEL)

1. What is the **setting** (time and place) of the novel?

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2. What **conflict** or **conflicts** do the main characters face?

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3. Explain the **climax** of these conflicts (how they are resolved).

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4. Is the outcome of the **plot** surprising? Why or why not?

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5. Does the novel focus mostly on **character**, **plot**, or **setting**?  
Explain your answer.

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6. What might have been a *different* way for the conflicts to be resolved?  
Think of some events that would have changed the outcome of the plot.  
Write your new ending here.

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