

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.

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?

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

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?

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

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.
