

TWO FAMOUS WRITERS

Answer the questions.

- 1 What types of books and stories do you enjoy reading?
- 2 Do you know any famous writers of crime fiction? Who?
- 3 Do you recognize this famous character? Who was he?



Comprehension check

1 Watch the video. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 When were Arthur Conan Doyle and Charles Dickens born?
a the 18th century b the 19th century
c the 20th century
- 2 How old was Arthur Conan Doyle when he died?
a 31 b 70 c 71
- 3 Which of the following was not one of Charles Dickens's characters?
a Sherlock Holmes b David Copperfield
c Oliver Twist

2 Watch again. Which of the things in the video are about Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and which are about Charles Dickens? Tick (✓) the correct box.

	Arthur Conan Doyle	Charles Dickens
1	Edinburgh	
2	Portsmouth	
3	children in a factory	
4	a university education	
5	ten children	
6	some letters	

3 Match the events in the box with the years that they happened.

Charles Dickens was born
Arthur Conan Doyle was born
Conan Doyle wrote his first novel
Conan Doyle 'killed' Sherlock Holmes
Conan Doyle died
Dickens wrote his first novel
Dickens died
Conan Doyle became a full-time writer

1812	
1836	
1859	
1870	
1887	
1891	
1893	
1930	

4 Choose the correct words.

- 1 Arthur Conan Doyle's family were quite **rich** / **poor**.
- 2 Conan Doyle worked as a **teacher** / **doctor**.
- 3 Charles Dickens wrote fifteen **novels** / **short stories**.
- 4 Dickens moved to London when he was a **young child** / **teenager**.
- 5 Dickens's family were quite **rich** / **poor**.
- 6 Dickens worked for ten hours a day in a **factory** / **school**.
- 7 After that, he became a **teacher** / **journalist**.
- 8 His **first** / **second** novel was *Oliver Twist*.