



SHERLOCK VS. *Holmes*

Family

Sherlock has a brother, Mycroft, who is seven years older than Sherlock and a sister, Eurus, who is a year older. Mycroft claims to have a minor position in the British Government, but Sherlock contends that Mycroft *is* the British Government. Mycroft is smarter than his younger brother, but also lazier and detests the 'legwork' that he would rather have Sherlock and others do. Eurus is criminally insane and incarcerated in Sherrinford maximum security prison.

Holmes has one brother, Mycroft, who is seven years older than Holmes. Mycroft is considered to have abilities of deduction exceeding even those of his brother, though their practical use is limited by his poor physique and dislike of fieldwork. Mycroft works for the British Government, but Holmes has claimed that occasionally he *is* the British government. There has been speculation that Holmes has a second brother, Sherrinford, but this has never been proven.

Education

Sherlock is known to be a Chemistry Graduate and there is speculation that he was home schooled in his early life. Growing up with Mycroft, Sherlock did not realise his mind was anything but ordinary until he and Mycroft began to mix with ordinary children.

It is unknown whether Holmes studied at Oxford or Cambridge. It is theorised that he studied Chemistry at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. He most likely studied science, but his studies were too eclectic to fit any one discipline and he probably didn't graduate.

Methods

Sherlock displays an amazing aptitude for deductive reasoning and an ability to instantly observe minute clues and extrapolate them to form surprising and often counterintuitive insights. He often uses Cicero's *Method of Loci*. A mnemonic device where information is stored spatially in an imaginary *Memory Palace*.

Holmes' carefully trained mind applies a brilliantly forensic combination of deduction and abduction to infer hidden truths, no matter how obfuscated or unbelievable. Holmes philosophy is summed up as "When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth."

Friends and allies

Holmes has only one true friend, his partner in criminal investigations, roommate, and blogger, Dr John H. Watson. Holmes has formed a friendly working relationship with two criminal specialists. Detective Inspector Greg Lestrade of Scotland Yard, and Molly Hooper, a pathologist who works in the morgue at St Bartholomew's Hospital.

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Notable criminals

Sherlock's nemesis is Jim Moriarty, self-styled *consulting criminal*. He has also faced Charles Augustus Magnussen, media magnate and blackmailer, and the diabolical Culverton Smith, philanthropist and serial killer who attempted to murder Sherlock.

Holmes' nemesis is Professor James Moriarty, the *Napoleon of crime*. He has also foiled the plans of the blackmailer Charles Augustus Milverton, and the nefarious Culverton Smith who committed nepoticide and attempted to murder Holmes.

Notable clients

Sherlock was 'summoned' to Buckingham Palace to retrieve compromising images of a female member of the royal family pictured with Irene Adler, a dominatrix known professionally as *The Woman*. Sherlock has also been consulted by Lady Elizabeth Smallwood, Member of Parliament and of a secret Government intelligence committee, which also includes Mycroft Holmes.

Holmes aided the British government several times, and the Vatican at least twice. He has been consulted by the British Prime Minister (Lord Bellingier), and the Kings of Bohemia, and Scandinavia. The government of France awarded him its Legion of Honour, but Holmes declined a knighthood "for services which may perhaps some day be described."

Vices

Sherlock was addicted to cigarettes and relied on the nicotine to keep his brain active while not engaged on a case, but ditched his habit with the help of Watson and nicotine patches. In the past he has dabbled in illegal drugs, including heroin.

Holmes is an habitual pipe smoker and on occasion a smoker of cigarettes and cigars. He sometimes uses cocaine, which he injects in a seven-percent solution with a syringe kept in a Morocco leather case. He has also been known to dabble in morphine.

Physical prowess

The rules of the combat discipline *Baritsu* hang over Sherlock's bed, but It is not known if Sherlock has any formal training in Martial arts. However, he often uses his lightning brain to deftly counter attacks and identify his opponents weaknesses before he strikes, only losing fights when he is blindsided.

Holmes is an expert with the singlestick (wielding a cane and riding crop at various times), and accomplished in bareknuckle fighting and fencing. He has also studied *Baritsu* which combines jujitsu with boxing and cane fencing. As well his agility, Holmes has also demonstrated high levels of physical strength.

Published adventures

Sherlock has his own website: The Science of Deduction, but hasn't updated it in quite some time. John Watson keeps a frequently updated record of Sherlock's cases on his personal blog.

Holmes' adventures are chronicled by Holmes' friend and biographer Dr John H. Watson and published through Watson's literary agent, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.