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FACTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE POPULARITY OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

Abstract:

This paper aims at providing an insight into the character of Sherlock Holmes and the science behind the detection techniques he uses to solve cases. This paper also aims at giving an insight into the various factors responsible for the success of Sherlock Holmes series. These factors include the socio-economic factors as well as the literary factors. This paper also tells you all about the author Arthur Conan Doyle while writing the Sherlock Holmes series. Along with the factors for the success of Sherlock as a character we see how he was different from the previous detective fiction characters whose success depended not merely on logic but also the fault of the plot. Throughout the paper one can make out the reasons how the character of Sherlock served as an inspiration for the future detective fiction characters. This paper does not aim at influencing other people's views about other detective fiction characters but just highlight the benchmarks that Sherlock Holmes has set. We see that Conan Doyle through Sherlock married the two components science and morality very successfully. The paper also gives one hindsight into the effects of the popularity of Sherlock on the modern day tourists visiting London and how there is a misconception of Sherlock being a real character due to the influence of his popularity among his readers.

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