

Mystery Genre Comprehension Questions

- 1) In paragraph one, find the word which the author has used to describe growths protruding from a tree.
- 2) Tick the correct column to indicate if the statement is true or false:

Statement	True	False
Holmes was alone in the woods.		
Holmes noticed a clump of toadstools in the ground.		
A cloud of smoke began to fill the area.		
The handkerchief was stained with blood.		

- 3) In paragraph 3, find the example of personification.
- 4) What is unusual about the cloud of smoke?
- 5) Put these events into order:

Event	Order
Holmes discovered that he was not looking at toadstools.	
Sherlock Holmes moves away from Amyus Crowe.	
Holmes notices a flash of red and white on the ground.	
The smoke clears.	

- 6) Which **one** word tells us that the man on the ground is not alive?
- 7) Which phrase indicates that Holmes was unnerved by his discovery?
- 8) What is the impact of the author using an ellipsis?