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Sherlock Holmes Study Questions
“The Red-Headed League”

Day 1

1. What conclusions does Holmes draw about Jabez Wilson’s past activities? Upon what evidence does Holmes base these conclusions?

2. What evidence supports Holmes’s conclusion that Jabez Wilson is “none too bright”?

3. Prove that Holmes is a better observer than Watson. In what other ways are they different?

Day 2

1. List the clues that enable Holmes to solve the mystery of the Red-Headed League.
2. Describe the bank robbers' plan, and explain what Holmes does to foil it.
3. Would you have liked the story better if Holmes had explained his reasoning at each stage of the investigation? Why or why not?
4. Watson says, "I trust that I am not more dense than my neighbors, but I was always oppressed with a sense of my own stupidity in my dealings with Sherlock Holmes." Explain what makes him feel this way. Do you see any evidence that Holmes enjoys making him feel this way?