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**Literature Guide**

**Part 1 - Comprehension**

1. Describe the visitor who arrives at 221b Baker Street. (398-399)

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2. Summarize the background information provided by Helen to help Sherlock understand why she's seeking his help. Fill in the blanks and use the word bank below. (400-405)

prison	violent	changed	baboon band
	stepfather	RoylottsHelen Stoner	Stoke Moran
wasteful	two hundred	medical degree	medical practice
	Calcutta	gypsies	butler
			Julia
railway		rageful	cheetah undetermined
	engaged	Mrs. Stoner	whistle
			help
robbed	London	scream	speckled

The visitor's name is \_\_\_\_\_. Her stepfather is the remaining member of a prominent family, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. The four heirs of the family were \_\_\_\_\_ with their riches and did not take care of their \_\_\_\_\_ year-old home, and ended up with nothing except the broken down mansion and a few acres of land. The last remaining heir's son, Helen's \_\_\_\_\_, knew he would need to build his own wealth as there was nothing left from his family, and borrowed money from a \_\_\_\_\_ to obtain a \_\_\_\_\_. After that, he established a \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (in India). While in India, he married Helen's mother, \_\_\_\_\_. Although she did not have a lot of money, she loaned what she had to Dr. Roylott with the understanding that some would be given to her twin daughters, Helen and \_\_\_\_\_ when they married. Dr. Roylott had been \_\_\_\_\_ a few times and out of a fit of rage beat his \_\_\_\_\_ to death. He returned to England disappointed and angry after a long \_\_\_\_\_ sentence. Upon returning to England, Mrs. Stoner died in a \_\_\_\_\_ accident. Dr. Roylott gave up on trying to establish his own practice in \_\_\_\_\_ and took the twins to his family's old house. After moving back to Stoke Moran, Dr. Roylott avoid everybody and was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to anyone who crossed his path. Oddly enough, Dr. Roylott did not have any friends except for the \_\_\_\_\_ living on his property. He also loved Indian animals and had a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as pets. Around Christmas, Helen's sister, Julia became \_\_\_\_\_ and mysteriously died shortly after the announcement of the engagement. A few nights before Julia's death, Helen had heard a \_\_\_\_\_ and could not determine where it came from. After hearing waking to the sound of a woman's \_\_\_\_\_, Helen found Julia in her room who needed \_\_\_\_\_. Julia then screamed, "Oh my God! Helen! It was the \_\_\_\_\_! The \_\_\_\_\_ band!" The cause of death was \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Explain why Julia's death was mysterious and why her cause of death was undeterminable. (404-405)

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4. Why is Helen seeking Sherlock's help? What did she experience that has frightened her and made her feel unsafe? (405)

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5. "I think that there is good ground to think that the mystery may be cleared upon those lines," (407). What details about Helen's story does Sherlock plan to use as clues to help him solve the mystery?

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Where do Sherlock and Watson plan to go? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Who arrives at the apartment after Helen leaves? What does he say and do?

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**Part 2: Vocabulary - Look up the definitions of the following words to help you better understand the section.**

Dissolute (400) - \_\_\_\_\_

Morose (400) - \_\_\_\_\_

Bequeath(ed) (400) - \_\_\_\_\_

Blanch(ed) (403) - \_\_\_\_\_

Sinister (407) - \_\_\_\_\_

Amiable (409) - \_\_\_\_\_