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Wentworth Bio. Joanna Wright

Sherlock Holmes is perhaps the most famous fictional detective of all time. His adventures have inspired numerous television shows and movies that continue to gain popularity, even though his adventures began over a century ago. Most fans of Sherlock Holmes do not venture past the novels and films, but for Joanna Wright, Sherlock's knack for mystery solving has given her inspiration to investigate the historical locations and origins of the stories.

Joanna is a 25 year-old graduate student from Maple Hill, NC. She has been married for four years and her husband is an airframe mechanic for the marines. Joanna aspires to become a full time lecturer at a four-year university and eventually earn a PHD in English/Literary studies. She will be traveling to England to research the locations that inspired the author, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, most famous for his Sherlock Holmes novels. A longtime fan of Doyle and Sherlock Holmes, Joanna appreciates Doyle's examination and extensive detail given to his characters. Joanna has planned her trip according to the Sherlock Holmes novel *The Hound of Baskerville*. Her adventure to England is an attempt to investigate the historical background that inspired the novel. More specifically, she is attempting to associate the text with the geographical location because all of the author's works are based on real places.

The novel is based on an old legend that Bertram Fletcher Robinson told Sir Arthur Conan Doyle during the author's trip to Dartmoor. The legend comes from an old Dartmoor myth about a man, Richard Cable, who accused his wife of adultery and murdered her. The wife's faithful hound attacked and killed the man after witnessing her murder, and the spirit of the hound is said to be heard howling around the area. Joanna will examine "the geocultural appropriation of the Richard Cable myth as it is reimagined into *The Hound of Baskerville*."

The Wentworth internship has allowed Joanna to travel to a foreign country by herself for the first time. She sates, "I look forward most to walking in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's shoes and experiencing Dartmoor the way he did." The opportunity to study her

favorite author's written works in England gives Joanna the chance to experience the history behind the stories written by Doyle. She has expressed gratitude for the opportunity given to her through the Wentworth internship, and credits a quote from Dr. Seuss as a part of her inspiration: "The more that you read, the more things that you'll know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."