#### **WEEK 8** STUDY PLAN - DISTANCE LEARNING

**Class and Section: YEAR 8 A** 

Name of Teacher: Merlin Annamma Philip

**Subject:** English Literature

Week 8: 21st March, 2021 - 25th March, 2021 No. of lessons - 4

Student's access to Work: Work sent to students through Class Group g mail / Google Classroom

Topic: Prose: The Red - Headed League from The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle

# **Overall Objectives:**

Interpret events, main ideas, characters' actions, thoughts and feelings.

Express response to text with reasons and suitable evidence.

Explore writer's narrative style to convey ideas, events, plot, characters' actions, thoughts and feelings.

# **RESOURCE:**

Zoom 1: <u>The Red – Headed League</u> (pages 45 to 46)

Zoom 2: Pre – reading: <u>The Red – Headed League</u> (pages 47 to 52)

**Zoom 3: Assessment 2** 

Asynchronous

DATE	ACTIVITY - CLOSE READING OF 'The Engineer's Thumb' & RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS				
WEEK 8	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2021 – 25 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021				
21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2021	<u>Lesson 1 - Zoom lesson 1</u>				
8A Sunday 1 lesson (	<u>LEARNING OUTCOME:</u> To have a clear understanding of the story opening which focuses on introduction to Mr. Wilson, Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson, the narrator				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period)	<u>Learning Objectives:</u>				
	> Identify the main event				
	Close reading of the text to understand interaction between Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson				
	Explore characterisation of Sherlock Holmes as an investigator				
	Success Criteria: - I can				
	infer and deduce information about Mr. Wilson				
	express my understanding of interaction between Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson				
	Reading Reference: <u>The Red – Headed League</u> (page 45 – first paragraph to "'Your cases have indeed been of the greatest interest to me,' I observed.")				
	Student Activity 1:				
	• Loud reading of the story <u>The Red – Headed League</u> (page 45 first paragraph - " 'Your cases have indeed				

been of the greatest interest to me,' I observed.")

- Make notes of teacher's explanation and class discussions in your notebook
- Your notes will help you to answer questions in Google classroom

# **Teaching Activity 1: Explanation and Class discussion**

- Discuss the title. Gather predictions. (Students can make a note of their ideas and assumptions; consider the meaning of the word, League; if they have come across this word before)
- Teacher explains the key details / events / characters / interaction presented in the story opening.
- Focus on description of Sherlock Holmes' visitor Mr Wilson(a very stout, florid faced, elderly gentleman, with fiery red hair; small, fat encircled eyes)
- The unique manner in which the friendship / comradeship between Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson is established at the very start of the story (a feature common to most stories in The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes)
- Discuss the possibility of a connection between the the story title and the reference to the fiery red hair of Mr Wilson.

#### **Teacher clarifies doubts.**

<u>Teaching Activity 2:</u> Reading Reference: <u>The Red – Headed League</u> (page 45 'You will remember that I remarked the other day.... Page 46 '....to read the indications which might be presented by his dress or appearance.')

- Loud reading by the Teacher
- Detailed explanation of the ideas conveyed.

\*That this was the most singular, strangest and unique case Holmes has come across so far

- \* Clues to mysteries are hidden in the everyday ,mundane life of common man
- \* It is always the smaller crimes that contain the strangest and most unique events
- \*Holmes requests Mr. Wilson to repeat his narrative as Holmes does not want to miss out on any of the details.
- \* Holmes admits that the facts are quite unique.
- \* Holmes is an ardent believer of the significance of facts in his deductions and the solving of mysteries
- \* Writer employs the technique of FORESHADOWING Refer to points 2 and 3 above; an indication for the inquisitive reader to stay focused on every minute detail or bit of information. Nothing is to be taken lightly.
- \* Mr. Wilson is filled with pride and self importance because Holmes wants him to retell his story remarking that he is 'anxious to have every possible detail from your lips'.
- \* Mr. Wilson pulls out a dirty and wrinkled newspaper from the inside pocket of his greatcoat. Probably, with the intention of showing it to Holmes.

# **Teaching Activity 3:** PLENARY (pages 45 and 46)

- Q1. Find details describing Mr. Wilson. (a very stout, florid faced, elderly gentleman, with fiery red hair; small, fat encircled eyes, portly)
- Q2. Why is Holmes interested in Mr. Wilsons's case? This was the most singular, strangest and unique case Holmes has come across so far
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	Q3. How would you describe the relationship between Dr. Watson and Sherlock Holmes?
	*Holmes prefers Watson's presence while solving cases * With Watson, Holmes is very expressive about his investigation techniques
	Q4. What have you understood about Holmes' approach to investigation?
	*Based on facts * keen observations * takes into account every minute detail * pays attention to details
	Teacher summarises the key points of the explanation and class discussion
	PRE – READING FOR ZOOM LESSON 2
	The Red – Headed League (pages 46 last paragraph - page 48 The Advertisement.)
21st March, 2021,	Lesson 2 - Zoom lesson 2
8A	<u>LEARNING OUTCOMES:</u>

# Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> Period)

Recognize Mr. Wilson as a key character in the story The Red - Headed League

Understand how the plot begins to develop in the story The Red - Headed League

Form a clear idea of how the author brings out the difference in the deduction skills of Holmes and Dr Watson

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- Explore the text to understand the difference between Holmes' and Dr Watson's skills at deduction
- **➤** Understand plot development through events and characters

#### Success Criteria: - I can

- deduce information about key events, characters' behaviour and interaction
- express my feelings and views about the key characters: Holmes, Wilson and Dr. Watson

Reading Reference: <u>The Red – Headed League (page 46 – last paragraph</u> to <u>page 48 the Advertisement</u>)

Student Task 1 - Revise your notes of the events, characters of zoom lesson 1 in your Notebook

# **Student Task 2:**

- write notes in your NOTEBOOK when the teacher is explaining and clearing the doubts
- Your notes will help you to answer questions in Google classroom

# **Teaching Activity 1:**

- Loud reading of the story, 'The Red Headed League' (page 46 last paragraph to page 48 the Advertisement)
- **Explanation and Class discussion**

## **Areas of Focus:**

Information about Mr Wilson from Dr Watson's perspective (Our visitor bore every mark of being an <u>average commonplace British tradesman</u>, <u>obese</u>, <u>pompous</u>, <u>and slow</u>. He wore rather baggy grey shepherd's check trousers, a not over-clean black frock-coat, unbuttoned in the front, and a drab waistcoat with a heavy brassy Albert chain, and a square pierced bit of metal dangling down as an ornament. A frayed top-hat and a faded brown overcoat with a wrinkled velvet collar lay upon a chair beside him. Altogether, look as I would, there was nothing remarkable about the man save his blazing red head, and the expression of extreme chagrin and discontent upon his features.)

#### Information about Mr Wilson from Holmes' skilfulness in deduction through close observation.

("Beyond the obvious facts that he has at some time done manual labour, that he takes snuff, that he is a Freemason, that he has been in China, and that he has done a considerable amount of writing lately, I can deduce nothing else.")

# The Newspaper Advertisement

("To the Red-headed League: On account of the bequest of the late Ezekiah Hopkins, of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, U. S. A., there is now another vacancy open which entitles a member of the League to a salary of £4 a week for purely nominal services. All red-headed men who are sound in body and mind and above the age of twenty-one years, are eligible. Apply in person on Monday, at eleven o'clock, to Duncan Ross, at the offices of the League, 7 Pope's Court, Fleet Street.")

# **Teaching Activity 2:**

- Loud reading of the story, 'The Red Headed League' (page 48 the Advertisement to page 49 '...if we do nothing more'.)
- **Explanation and Class discussion**

#### **PLENARY:**

Oral mind - map of key characteristics of Holmes, Dr Watson and Mr Wilson.

Teacher summarises the key points of the explanation and class discussion

23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2021,	Lesson 3 – Zoom Lesson-Assessment 2				
8A Tuesday (5 <sup>th</sup> Period)					
23rd March,	LESSON 4 Asynchronous lesson - Read from page 45 to 52				
2021,	LEARNING OUTCOME:				
8A Tuesday	Find relevant information to complete the Activities Express own viewpoints and impressions about the key event/s and characters				
(2nd Period)	Learning Objectives:				
	Infer and deduce details in The Red Headed League that illustrate the characters using imagery				
	Success Criteria: - I can				
	infer and deduce key details about characters				
	Interpret information about key events, characters  Listify and visus and impressions with relevant touties details.				
	Justify own views and impressions with relevant textual details				
	Activity 1:				
	Pages 45 to 46				
	1. Consider the several descriptions of Mr Wilson. Select suitable vocabulary from the text to match the meanings given below.				
	Meaning   Word				
	Meaning Word grossly fat or overweight				
	be				

Self - important				
		op		
rather fat or of heavy build		o		
a flushed complexion				
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annoyance or distress at having failed or be	en humiliated.	a r n		
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Pages 47 to 48  What 5 details does Sherlock Holmes discove		on at first sight? List them in the table given ons.		
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**Activity 3:** 

Pages 49 to 52

Fill in the blanks:			
1.The salary offered in the Advetisement for red – headed men was	p	ounds a week.	
2. The Advertisement came in the	of	April	•
3. Jabez Wilson had a small business at Coburg Sq	uare, near the	e City.	
4 was Wilson's assistant.			
5. Wilson's assistant had a passion for			
6. A of fourteen also stayed with Wilson.			
7. The Red Headed League was founded by	w	ho was an	
8. Whoever applies for the post should have			ha
9. Wilson is selected for the post by			
Activity 4			
Create a PPT / prepare a mind map / write about your impressions of			
<ol> <li>Mr. Wilson's appearance</li> <li>The Advertisement details and how strange it appeared</li> </ol>			