

# SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE

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# Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

## 1859-1930

- ❖ Father was a chronic alcoholic
- ❖ Adored his mother who had a passion for books and story telling
- ❖ Spent 7 years in Jesuit boarding school
- ❖ Decided on a medical career » studied under Dr. Bryan Charles Walker » met Dr. Joseph Bell
- ❖ After obtaining his degree, Conan Doyle briefly travelled to Africa
- ❖ March 1886 he started "A Study in Scarlet" » the world's introduction to Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John Watson



"HOLMES GAVE ME A SKETCH OF THE EVENTS."

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# Sherlock Holmes

- ❖ Inspiration for the character stemmed from Dr. Joseph Bell
  - ❖ A master of observation, logically deduction and diagnosis
- ❖ The Sherlock Holmes stories quickly gained popularity, primarily published in *The Strand Magazine*, where illustrations were also done of the famous detective.
- ❖ There are 4 novels and 56 short stories featuring Holmes

# Deductive versus Inductive

## ❖ Deductive Reasoning

- ❖ Logical reasoning from the general to the particular
- ❖ I.e. "all men are mortal; Socrates is a man; therefore, Socrates is mortal"

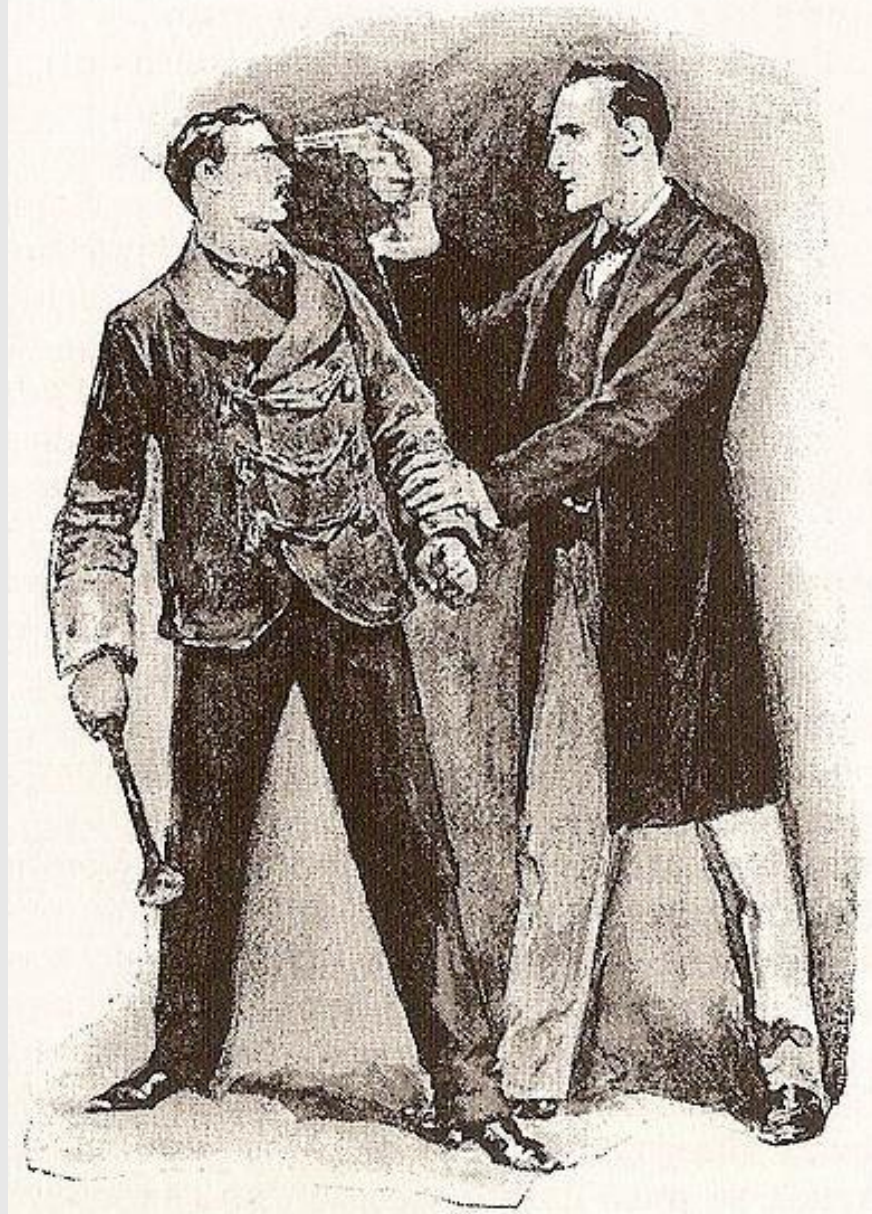
## ❖ Inductive Reasoning

- ❖ Logical reasoning from particular instances to general theories
- ❖ I.e. the well-known tent joke <http://www.jokeswarehouse.com/cgi-bin/viewjoke2.cgi?id=20020605>



# Conan Doyle's Main Themes

- <http://www.robertsirabian.com/notes/385/doyle/KnightArticleSH.pdf>



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