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1. How did you become interested in Sherlock Holmes?

Sherlock Holmes captured my interest as a young child while reading *The Complete Sherlock Holmes* published by Doubleday that served as my reading companion. at bedtime.

2. What is your favorite story or stories?

The Red-Headed League
The Adventure of the Dancing Men
The Greek Interpreter
The Valley of Fear

3. Who are your favorite characters other than Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John Watson?

Mycroft Holmes, Mrs. Hudson

4. What do you enjoy about our monthly meetings?

The discussion of the monthly story and the sharing of items brought to our meetings.

5. **Biographical Sketch**

Marino C. Alvarez is professor emeritus in the Department of Teaching and Learning of the College of Education and a senior research scientist directing the Exploring Minds Project at Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Fort Lewis College, masters (M.A.) and doctoral (Ed.D.) degrees are from West Virginia University. His interest in content literacy stems from his years as a middle and secondary school social studies teacher. He has served on national and international committees, editorial advisory boards, as Past President of the College Reading Association and Past Chair of the Action Research Special Interest Group of the American Educational Research Association. His publications appear in edited chapters and in journals such as *Reading Research Quarterly*, *Reading Research and Instruction*, *United Kingdom Reading Association*, *Teaching Exceptional Children*, *National Association of Secondary School Principals*, *Handbook of College Reading and Study Strategy Research*, and *Handbook of Research in Teaching Literacy through the Visual*

and Communicative Arts. He is the co-author of *The Art of Educating with V diagrams* published by Cambridge University Press, and *The Little Book: Conceptual Elements of Research*, published by Rowman & Littlefield. He is the recipient of the Albert J. Mazurkiewicz Service Award for outstanding service to the College Reading Association, and the Laureate Award given for life-time achievement in research, publications, and teaching by the Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers. Professor Alvarez holds the honor of being the only recipient of both the *Teacher-of-the-Year* and *Distinguished Researcher-of-the-Year* Awards (1995), and the first faculty member awarded professor emeritus at Tennessee State University. Dr. Alvarez is a Sherlockian and an invested member of the Nashville Scholars of the Three Pipe Problem, the Nashville Fresh Rashers, the Sherlock Holmes Society of London, and the Beacon Society. He has published in the *Baker Street Journal* and is the author of *A Professor Reflects on Sherlock Holmes*, published by MX Publishing, London.