

## CREATIVE WRITING COURSE

### Part 2 - SECONDARY CHARACTERS

Supporting players offer the protagonist the ability to interact on a wide canvas and help push the story forward. They can either support the protagonist with special insights or offer obstacles for him or her to tackle- EG: father, mother, sibling, workmate, lover...

- ^ *Silence of the Lambs*. - Buffalo Bill.
- ^ *Star Wars* - Obi One Kenobi, Han Solo, Princess Leah, R2D2, Chewbacker.
- ^ *Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone* - Ron Weasley, Hermione Granger, Albus Dumbledore.

### EG

**Dr John H. Watson**, M.D. (born July 7, 1852[1]), known as Dr. Watson, is a character in the Sherlock Holmes stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Watson is Sherlock Holmes's assistant and sometime flatmate, and is the first person narrator of all but four stories in the Sherlock Holmes canon.

#### Personality / Habits

Watson is described as a crack shot and an excellent doctor and surgeon. Highly intelligent, if lacking in Holmes's insight, he serves as a perfect foil for Holmes: the ordinary man against the brilliant, emotionally-detached analytical machine. Conan Doyle paired two characters, different in their function and yet each useful for his purposes.

#### Appearance

When John Watson first returns from Afghanistan, he is "as thin as a lath and as brown as a nut." He is usually described as strongly built, of a stature either average or slightly above average, with a thick, strong neck and a small moustache. Watson used to be an athlete, as it is mentioned in "The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire" that he once played rugby for Blackheath, but he fears his physical condition has declined since that point.

#### Flaws

Holmes sometimes accuses Watson of exaggerating his abilities. In "Silver Blaze", Holmes confesses: "I made a blunder, my dear Watson— which is, I am afraid, a more common occurrence than anyone would think who only knew me through your memoirs." When Holmes felt he had bungled something, he could exclaim: "Watson, Watson, if you are an honest man you will record this also and set it against my successes!"

#### Love Life

Dr Watson only has eyes for Sherlock Holmes...ha, ha!

