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| Homework task | Due date |
| **Week 1**  Create a mind map or table showing the differences between Holmes and Watson in Chapter 1 of Sign of Four.  **Challenge: Make a glossary of 5 new words that you have learnt from this text and their definitions**. | **Wednesday 11th September** |
| **Week 2**  Who’s Who? Write a short description of each character that you have read about in Sign of Four so far. Include a key quote for each of the characters.  **Challenge: Chose one of your quotes and write a short PEEKER analysis about what the quote shows about some aspect of their character.** | **Wednesday 18th September** |
| **Week 3**  Research. What was life like in Victorian England? Make a fact sheet. Include information on crime and the police, poverty and class.  **Challenge: What was the British Empire? Explain what this was in your own words – this will help you as you continue reading this novel.** | **Wednesday 25th September** |
| **Week 4**  How are the different female characters presented in the novel? Make a table or mind map to record your thoughts on their presentation.  **Challenge: How do you think attitudes to women have changed since the time when Conan Doyle was writing this novel? Explain your views.** | **Wednesday 2nd October** |
| **Week 5**  Make a mind map to use for revision on the character Jonathan Small. Include as many adjectives as you can to describe different aspects of his personality. Include at least 4 quotations.  **Challenge: Find some more adventurous adjectives to describe Small - use a thesaurus to do this. Make sure you know what each word means!** | **Wednesday 9th October** |
| **Week 6**  How important was the Agra treasure in the novel? Mind map or write about how the treasure influenced/affected different characters in the novel.  Challenge: Compare the different ways in which characters viewed the treasure. | **Wednesday 16th October** |

**Recommended Independent Study and Revision:**

You are now studying your first GCSE set text! To help you to keep the topics familiar you should regularly find time to look back through your exercise book and at the key assessments and tests that you have done this year. For the Literature texts, it is very important to make yourself as familiar as you can with the texts. Try to read ahead of the teacher. Re-reading sections of the text will make it easier for you to ‘remember’ the text. Weekly homework includes some revision tasks and have been kept quite short so that you can find time to spend doing your own revision too! Don’t forget about the resources and revision tasks available on GCSE Pod and Seneca Learning. Good Luck!