

## First Day of Class Observations about Sherlock Holmes

Why is Sherlock Holmes still popular today?

**\*\*Entertainment value/Money**

**\*\*Gives us interesting puzzles/mysteries: why and how things occur—answers**  
Takes us to the heart of the mystery/detective story. Agency: we can try to solve the case along with Holmes and Watson. Play off of what we already know

**\*\*Timelessness: Accessible themes. Life is messy (ambiguity, uncertainty), but here no loose ends. Satisfying conclusion, completing something.**

**\*\*Use of human mind—intellect, not technology—human control and understanding in a technological society**