

LIST OF CHARACTERS FOR THE HOST

18 characters. 12 required (6M, 6F), and 6 optional (3M, 3F).

CHARACTER	BRIEF BIO	SUGGESTED ATTIRE
<p>SHERLOCK Consulting Detective</p> <p>REQUIRED male</p>	<p>Sherlock is a renowned private investigator from London with an intellect that borders superhuman. Sherlock understands the minds of criminals more than they know themselves. Courteous and considerate to others, Sherlock often puts self-care on the backburner. Sherlock's flatmate is a physician that goes by the name Watson, but their relationship has been strained ever since William proposed marriage to Mary Birdwhistle.</p>	<p><i>Sherlock costume, or a knee-length frock coat, waistcoat and pants. Deerstalker hat.</i></p>
<p>WATSON Physician</p> <p>REQUIRED male</p>	<p>A retired military man now working as a physician and part-time private investigator, William Watson is a good friend to Sherlock. Accustomed to thorough documentation with his medical practice, Watson has taken on the role as the official record keeper for Sherlock's investigations. This adventure seeking doc also serves as a counselor for Sherlock, as he's the only one who can force reason into Sherlock's head.</p>	<p><i>Knee-length frock coat, waistcoat, pants. Pocket watch, walking cane as optional props. Bowler hat.</i></p>
<p>ADA ADLER Opera Singer</p> <p>REQUIRED female</p>	<p>Ada Adler was born in London, England, but travels around Europe to perform in the Opera of Windsor. She is a talented singer who has performed for royalty on multiple occasions. A five-time widow, members of high society believe she poisoned her late husbands for their money. Scotland Yard also has Ada Adler on their radar, as there have been many reports of expensive jewels that went missing after Ada was around.</p>	<p><i>Late Victorian/ Edwardian era glamorous dress, wide-brimmed hat with feathers. Lace-up boots.</i></p>
<p>LORD RODERICK BLACKSTONE Illusionist</p> <p>REQUIRED male</p>	<p>Lord Blackstone is Sherlock's intellectual twin but on the dark side of things. Accused of practicing dark magic, founding a cult, and being a murderer, Lord Blackstone has surprisingly made amends with Sherlock and Scotland Yard, as he proved crucial to the capture of the notorious Victor von Vacher – a serial killer who plagued the streets of London and poisoned over twenty young girls. Watson has cautioned Sherlock about trusting Lord Blackstone, but Sherlock claims to have it under control.</p>	<p><i>Velvet or faux leather (real if you have it), knee-length long coat with a thick collar. Hair slicked back.</i></p>
<p>DEVON FERGUSON Banker</p> <p>REQUIRED male</p>	<p>Devon Ferguson is a banker at the new Barclays Bank in London, England. Surrounded by leather-bound ledgers stamped in gold with pages filled with copperplate writing, Devon spends the days taking care of his customer's bank accounts. Scotland Yard has recently received reports that Devon might be smuggling rare artifacts from Bulgaria and using the bank vaults to store them until time for the drop-off. Devon denies the accusations and calls it an outrageous scandal.</p>	<p><i>Double-breasted waistcoat over a white button up. Matching pants, tie. Top hat.</i></p>
<p>MARY BIRDWHISTLE Nurse</p> <p>REQUIRED female</p>	<p>Mary Birdwhistle met Watson at the Baker Street Hospital, where both of them are employed. Mary refuses to speak about her past and claims to be the last survivor of her family. Watson recently proposed marriage to her, and she accepted. Sherlock is apprehensive about their wedding that is scheduled in six months. Sherlock warned Watson that Mary might not be who she claims to be – a nurse from Luton, England. Sherlock is usually right about people, so Dr. Watson should be careful.</p>	<p><i>Late Victorian/ Edwardian era nursing uniform. White collared dress, floor length. Nursing hat.</i></p>

<p>ELLIE BERRYCLOTH Schoolteacher</p> <p>REQUIRED female</p>	<p>In recent years, Queen Victoria made schools free for children. Ellie teaches arithmetic, writing, and reading to students up to ten years old. She has up to eighty pupils on her roster and runs a strict regimen in the classroom. Ellie is intolerant of nonsense. Ellie has become good friends with Mary Birdwhistle ever since she moved to London seven months ago.</p>	<p><i>Late Victorian/Edwardian era conservative dress, wide-brimmed hat. Lace-up boots.</i></p>
<p>THEODOSIA CULPEPPER Nurse</p> <p>REQUIRED female</p>	<p>Theodosia Culpepper is a nurse at Baker Street Hospital and friend of Mary Birdwhistle. Theodosia is not a fan of Watson and has encouraged Mary to stay far away from the doc – to no avail. Theodosia is a gossip and loves to stir up trouble. Theodosia doesn't care for Ellie Berrycloth. Maybe she is the jealous type and doesn't want Mary to have other friends?</p>	<p><i>Late Victorian/Edwardian era nursing uniform. White collared dress, floor length. Nursing hat.</i></p>
<p>VICTORIA VILLAIN Laundry Maid</p> <p>REQUIRED female</p>	<p>Victoria Villain is a laundry maid at the Baker Street Hospital. This housekeeper is a sweet, kindhearted, and loving person. Victoria is an advocate for prisoners and believes the conditions of the London jails and prisons should undergo reform, including the prison at the Tower of London. Having two brothers serving life sentences, she knows what the prison life is like.</p>	<p><i>Late Victorian/Edwardian era dress (nothing too fancy), wide-brimmed hat. Lace-up boots.</i></p>
<p>GRACE EDEVANE Cook</p> <p>REQUIRED female</p>	<p>Grace Edevane is a cook for Spencer Primrose, an aristocrat of London. Grace snoops on conversations between her employer and his upper-class dinner guests. Grace knows all the high society gossip in the city and is currently blackmailing many people that she has dirt on due to her eavesdropping endeavors.</p>	<p><i>Late Victorian/Edwardian era housekeeping/servant uniform. Bonnet style chef hat. Lace-up boots.</i></p>
<p>HARLAND GASTRELL Train Conductor</p> <p>REQUIRED male</p>	<p>Harland Gastrell is a conductor at the City & South London Railway – the first underground railway in the world. Harland helped design the tube-style railway that was the first to use electric traction. The railway has six stations and runs for over five kilometers, passing under the River Thames. Some say that Harland is a wicked mastermind who works as a conductor to hide his criminal activities and transport illegal things around London. With a genius-level intellect that nearly rivals that of Sherlock, Harland has excellent skills of deduction.</p>	<p><i>Vintage train conductor costume. Real/fake handlebar mustache, pocket watch as an optional prop.</i></p>
<p>OSCAR BREGDAN Rat Catcher</p> <p>REQUIRED male</p>	<p>Known as the <i>Slayer of Plagues</i>, Oscar is a rat catcher who keeps the streets of London free of vermin. A brave soul who will go where no others wish to go, Oscar uses his loyal companions (three dogs and a ferret) to help find the rats who have invaded the city. Many say that Oscar raises the rats who roam the streets to keep his job with the city.</p>	<p><i>Topcoat, waistcoat, breeches with a huge leather sash decorated with rats. Top hat. (Look up 'her majesty's rat catcher' for inspiration).</i></p>
<p>LOTTIE URWIN Heiress</p> <p>OPTIONAL female</p>	<p>Lottie Urwin is a famous author of beloved poems but has published her works under a penname, Norman Browning. She keeps her identity a secret so that her bound collections of poetry will continue to sell out on the shelves, for she believes if she published as a woman, she wouldn't keep her fan base.</p>	<p><i>Late Victorian/Edwardian era glamorous dress, wide-brimmed hat. Lace-up boots.</i></p>

<p>ROWENA BEECHWORTH Governess</p> <p>OPTIONAL female</p>	<p>Rowena Beechworth is a governess for the Blackstone family. She teaches and trains Lord and Lady Blackstone's five children in reading, writing, and arithmetic. Rowena lives at the Blackstone Castle, but some have said she might be a prisoner or possibly a member of Lord Blackstone's cult.</p>	<p><i>Edwardian era glamorous dress, wide-brimmed hat. Lace-up boots.</i></p>
<p>FANNY FORGE Telephone Operator</p> <p>OPTIONAL female</p>	<p>Fanny Forge works every day at the National Telephone Company connecting cords to circuits at the switchboard. She has a soothing, calm voice and is a dependable hard worker. Fanny follows a strict schedule every day and never strays off the course. Fanny is the final heir of a wealthy family from Scotland. One day, she will inherit the estate and be able to retire.</p>	<p><i>Vintage Victorian/Edwardian style blouse. Asymmetrical Steampunk/Victorian/Edwardian floor length skirt and lace-up boots.</i></p>
<p>FRANKLIN WRAITH Detective</p> <p>OPTIONAL male</p>	<p>Inspector Wraith is a hardnosed sleuth from Scotland Yard. Franklin is often at odds with Sherlock but realizes he's necessary for the more complex investigations in the city. This detective is determined but has insufficient skills of deduction when the facts are staring back at his face. When Inspector Wraith is stumped, he reluctantly calls for Sherlock.</p>	<p><i>Victorian/Edwardian Metropolitan police uniform.</i></p>
<p>CHARLES CHATTOWAY Editor</p> <p>OPTIONAL male</p>	<p>Charles Chattoway is the editor for The Daily Graphic, a day-to-day newspaper in London, England. Charles includes news events, notable personalities, illustrations, and poems in the widely distributed publication. Charles is the primary news source in London but is also a notorious blackmailer who pays footmen, housekeepers, and other servants for dirty laundry on his victims. It is best to stay off of Charles' radar.</p>	<p><i>Double-breasted waistcoat over a white button up. Matching pants, tie. Top hat.</i></p>
<p>RUFUS KENWARD Chimney Sweep</p> <p>OPTIONAL male</p>	<p>With knees and elbows continually scraped raw from climbing through narrow chimneys, Rufus Kenward is the town's most popular chimney sweep. Rumors are lurking about that Rufus has a part-time position as a grave robber working to provide the medical school with cadavers. Rufus denies all accusations regarding the resurrections but admits to selling leeches to the school. Where there is smoke, there is fire.</p>	<p><i>Victorian/Edwardian era chimney sweep costume. Button up shirt, necktie, vest, and sweeper as an optional prop. Newsboy cap. A few black smudges on your face (optional).</i></p>