

*The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*

“A Scandal in Bohemia” Discussion questions

1. Why does Holmes always refer to Irene Adler as “the woman”?
2. Why had Watson not seen Holmes recently?
3. Why does Watson stop again at the Baker Street address?
4. According to Holmes, what is the difference between seeing and observing?
5. Who comes to consult Holmes about a missing photograph?
6. What does Holmes deduce from the looks of the note from this individual?
7. Describe how Holmes’ new client is dressed. Why is he disguised?
8. Who has the photo? Why does the client want it?
9. Irene Adler is a contralto. What is that?
10. Why does Holmes disguise himself as a drunken, dirty groom?
11. What information does Holmes gain from the other grooms?
12. What happens at the Church of St. Monica?
13. When Holmes and Watson go to Briony Lodge, what is Watson’s job?
14. What role does Holmes play at Briony Lodge? What is his plan?
15. Why does Holmes pretend to be hurt?
16. When Holmes and Watson return to Baker Street, someone says goodnight to him. Who is it?
17. What happened to the photo? What does Irene Adler leave in its place?
18. How did the adventure change Holmes’ attitude toward women?