



Extract from The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

The wagonette swung round into a side road, and we curved upward through deep lanes worn by centuries of wheels, high banks on either side, heavy with dripping moss and fleshy hart's-tongue ferns. Bronzing bracken and mottled bramble gleamed in the light of the sinking sun. Still steadily rising, we passed over a narrow granite bridge and skirted a noisy stream which gushed swiftly down, foaming and roaring amid the gray boulders. Both road and stream wound up through a valley dense with scrub oak and fir. At every turn Baskerville gave an exclamation of delight, looking eagerly about him and asking countless questions. To his eyes all seemed beautiful, but to me a tinge of melancholy lay upon the countryside, which bore so clearly the mark of the waning year. Yellow leaves carpeted the lanes and fluttered down upon us as we passed. The rattle of our wheels died away as we drove through drifts of rotting vegetation—sad gifts, as it seemed to me, for Nature to throw before the carriage of the returning heir of the Baskervilles.

Questions

V	1) Which words tell you about the time of year?
I	2) What impression do you get about how: a) Baskerville feels? b) How the narrator feels?
R	3) What are the companions driving through?
E	4) What affect does 'but to me a tinge of melancholy lay upon the countryside' have on the reader? Why do you feel this?
R	5) Give one example to prove Baskerville is inquisitive.
S	6) Summarise what this paragraph is about.
P	7) Predict what you think is going to happen to Baskerville. What makes you think this?
	8) Write your own VIPERS question.