

## **Honors English II**

*The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

This novel is one of the most famous of the Sherlock Holmes novels. This is considered a gothic novel. A gothic novel relies on horror and romance for its plot. Elements that are found in a gothic novel are as follows:

- Decrepit ancestral home
- Local legend
- Supernatural elements
- Sense of doom
- Danger
- Disintegration of physical surroundings and the characters' mental states

As you read the novel, take notes when you see a gothic element in the story. There will be many. The moor is an excellent example (rocky, thick fog, prehistoric stone ruins, etc.). When you return to school in August, we will be going a written assignment about this aspect of the novel.