

Quiz for “The Five Orange Pips” – The Agra Treasurers 8/26/17 by Mike McSwiggin

- 1.) What is a pip? _____
- 2.) According to the story itself, not a chronologist, in what month and year does the story take place?

- 3.) This story mentions the Tankerville Club. Which other story in the canon also mentions this esteemed establishment? _____
- 4.) What is a lumber room? _____
- 5.) According to Holmes, how many times (up to this story) had he been beaten?

- 6.) What odd turn of phrase does Watson use to describe the sound of the wind at the opening of the story? _____
- 7.) Watson mentions five unrecorded cases in this story. Name them.
 - 1.) _____
 - 2.) _____
 - 3.) _____
 - 4.) _____
 - 5.) _____
- 8.) This is one of only two short stories in the canon in which Holmes’ client dies after seeking his help. What is the other story? _____
- 9.) What rank was John Openshaw’s Confederate uncle? _____
- 10.) What was that same uncle’s beverage of choice? _____
- 11.) Please circle each television series that featured an adaptation of “The Five Orange Pips”?
 - A:) Jeremy Brett (Granada TV)
 - B:) Douglas Wilmer (BBC 1965)
 - C:) Peter Cushing (BBC 1968)
 - D:) Ronald Howard (Syndicated 1954)
- 12.) Apart from the orange pips, what other two items could be sent in the mail from the KKK with the same meaning as the pips? _____
- 13.) Where did the letters specify to put “the papers”? _____
- 14.) According to the story, what inspired the name Ku Klux Klan? _____

15.) Many Sherlockians consider one of the funniest lines in the Canon to be in this story. Watson observes Holmes return, after being out all day investigating following the murder of John Openshaw. Holmes tears a piece of bread off of a loaf, eat it, and then take a long drink of water. Watson then says three profound words: _____

16.) Watson recalled his list of Holmes' strengths and weaknesses. With what two substances did he consider Holmes a self-poisoner? _____ and _____

17.) Which Rathbone film is loosely based on The Five Orange Pips? _____

18.) What is a barque? _____

19.) How many different barques are mentioned in this story? _____

20.) Regarding the envelope that Sherlock Holmes addressed to the ringleaders of the murderers, what exactly did Holmes write on the inside of the flap? _____

Bonus Question – The only pop #1 by Gladys Knight & the Pips (which was in 1973) actually has something that is fairly Sherlockian in the title. What is the name of the song?
