

# Chapter 11 History

## Handout

### History mystery activity clue cards

Each card is to be cut out and pasted onto a note card. Two or three cards should be given to each student. They cannot physically share the cards!

<p>John Doe was found murdered early Saturday morning, a dagger sunk into his back.</p>	<p>There is a gate, painted green, between Mr Doe's and Mr Finnigan's gardens.</p>
<p><b>Headline from local paper dated Wednesday June 11, 2014:</b> Local Physician Under Suspicion for Illegally Prescribing Drugs To 'Patients'.</p>	<p><b>Testimony of Ms Parsons, Mr Finnigan's housekeeper:</b> 'Oh, that Dr Logan, he is such a nice boy. He spent all of Friday afternoon after tea painting the garden gate as a surprise for Mr. Finnigan who was upstairs cleaning out the attic all day. I would have given the Doctor a special treat for dinner, but I was away in Oxford Street picking up Mr Finnigan's new gloves. In fact, Mr Finnigan was still in the attic when I left.'</p>
<p>Dr Logan is currently lodging at the Rector's house, as Mr Finnigan is experiencing some heart trouble and needs to be watched carefully. He is, however, doing quite well and has taken up jogging around a mile per day.</p>	<p><b>Report in <i>Village Gazette</i>, Saturday, June 14:</b> Last night's sudden downpour washed out the access bridge to Mr O'Brien's barn. This morning he had to wade through chest-deep water to make it to his barn to feed the pigs. He is quoted as saying 'I was up late last night, and about midnight the heavens just opened up! It only lasted until about 1 am and I thought, I hope the pigs aren't too hungry in the morning, it'll take me a while to get to them!'</p>

<p><b>Testimony of Mrs Wigglesbottom, Mr Doe’s housekeeper:</b> ‘It is best not to speak poorly of the dead, but I did hear Mr Doe and that sweet Doctor arguing on Friday afternoon. Something about the money Mr Doe had loaned Dr Logan. Apparently, they had made some sort of “arrangement” where Dr Logan didn’t have to pay back the loan ... Dr Logan said he wanted out of their arrangement, but Mr Doe told him he should think again ...’ [sobs uncontrollably].</p>	<p><b>Briefing by local sheriff:</b> ‘Mr John Doe was found at his desk, lying forward on top of a mess of papers and correspondence. The rubbish bin alongside of John Doe’s desk contained ashes, presumably of paper, but also what looked like burnt leather. The floor was wet, presumably from the rainstorm, apparently Mr Doe kept his doors open on warm nights.’</p>
<p>A receipt for a donation of used clothes from the Salvation Army store dated Saturday 14 June, for roughly £15 was found on the floor of Mr Finnigan’s car.</p>	<p>On the handle of the dagger, there was a smudge of green paint.</p>
<p>A pair of surgical gloves with green paint of the same shade as that found on the dagger was found stuffed into the Rector’s rubbish bins during the investigation on Saturday.</p>	<p>Camilla Finnigan is currently involved with a young doctor by the name of Richard Logan.</p>
<p><b>Gossip heard at the Pig and Cabbage, the local pub:</b> ‘I’ve ‘eard that your Mr Doe ‘ad a bit of the liking for certain ‘controlled substances’ if you will. I don’t know where he gets ‘is stuff, but whoever supplies ‘im, must keep ‘im pretty well juiced up! ‘E’s always going on about the magical morphine!’</p>	<p><b>Testimony of Mr Hutchinson, Mr Doe’s gardener:</b> ‘I found this morning that part of the trellis work below Mr Doe’s balcony was broken, I’d only just repaired them last week.’</p>
<p>When asked about a prescription for sleeping medication found in his room, Dr Logan admitted to having insomnia.</p>	<p>The Rector’s daughter, Camilla, has submitted a sworn statement saying that she, in fact, murdered Mr Doe.</p>

<p>Mrs Parsons testified that she had found Dr Logan's shoes outside his room on Saturday morning, soaked through and through, and caked with mud. She also testified that she saw a light under Dr Logan's door last night when she returned from town about 12.30.</p>	<p>'Mr Finnigan's wife died in a tragic horse accident while on holiday in Bristol during the summer of 2014. She was a lovely woman, having grown up in a small town outside of Dublin. She came to England to work in a large company owned by a Raymond Doe where she quickly rose to become a manager.' From news report of murder.</p>
<p><b>Testimony of Coroner:</b> 'It looks like whoever did it knew a fair bit about human anatomy. It was a clean job. Sure, there is lots of blood from the wound, but the knife is sunk straight into Mr Doe's heart. Probably killed him instantly. I believe, however, the deceased had probably already passed out before he was knifed. Probably a bit too much of the ... well ... let's just say there wouldn't have been a struggle.</p>	<p>After his father died, John Doe continued the business which his father began. When he was murdered, he was thought to be the wealthiest man in the town.</p>
<p>Mr Finnigan's heart problems developed 10 years ago, His most dangerous time was about 5 years when he was admitted to the hospital for a triple bypass. He was unfortunately unable to accompany his wife on holiday that year.</p>	<p>An empty syringe was found on the desk next to the body. Forensics determined that it held traces of morphine.</p>
<p>There were no footprints found in the garden below Mr Doe's office window. The only footprints found were those outside the rectory. The prints matched the shoes we found from Dr Logan.</p>	<p><b>Newspaper article from the <i>Bristol Bugle</i>, dated June 28, 2014, found buried in the mud outside Doe's house:</b> The summer season opened with a grand fete on Saturday. At the Ritz Hotel the grand banquet was attended by the likes of French Superstar Jolie, and the surprise guest of the evening was Mr John Doe, CEO of Doe-boy enterprises accompanied by a beautiful mystery lady who never left his arm all evening. The fireworks spectacular was the best this reporter has ever seen.</p>

**Obituary, dated Sunday, June 15:**  
Mr Doe was also known for his charity. He regularly loaned young men and woman the money for their education, although, being a businessman, he did charge a nominal rate of interest.

**Testimony of Mrs Wigglesbottom, Mr Doe's housekeeper:** 'If I've told him once, I've told him a thousand times, he ought to have kept the balcony doors closed. But he liked working late, and on the warm nights he would keep the doors open. He only would close them if it was raining. Poor! ... oh! ... Mr! ...Doe! [sobs uncontrollably].'