

KIDS FIRST! Film Critics Discussion Guide for *Tom and Jerry Meet Sherlock Holmes*

Tom and Jerry Meet Sherlock Holmes stars Academy Award-winners, Tom and Jerry. Produced by Warner Bros. Animation, it will be the first *Tom and Jerry* direct-to-video film to be produced without its original creators William Hanna and Joseph Barbera. In the city of London, a crook is stealing jewels around the Scotland Yard, and Red, a beautiful singer, is being framed for this crime. Only the legendary Sherlock Holmes can find the thief with the help of his assistant Dr. Watson - and of course, the fictional cartoon cat and mouse duo, *Tom and Jerry*. Cracking the case will be elementary compared to keeping the peace between the rival cat and mouse duo.

The story offers many talking points that a parent, teacher, or other adult can discuss with their child after viewing that will enhance their film experience. We encourage you to “view and review” the film together with your six to 12-year-old child – the ideal audience age – and then post your review on your social media site so that you can share it with others during our first annual KIDS FIRST! Film Critics' Campaign.

1. Tom arrives at Sherlock Holmes house to bring him a letter.
 - Who is the letter from and why did she send it?
2. Sherlock Holmes takes the crew to Miss Red's house to get clues about the why she is being blackmailed. He believes that a jewel is about to be stolen from the Punjab embassy.
 - What was special about Miss Red's house
 - What did they find when they got there that made Scotland Yard think the she had stolen the Star of Punjab?
3. Jerry found some clues that led him to the three cats as suspects for the stolen jewel.
 - Name some of those clues and discuss how he fit them together to come to this conclusion.
4. When Tom and Jerry figure out that Miss Red's friend is really Professor Moriarty, he explains that he set up false clues to confuse Sherlock Holmes.
 - Why did Professor Moriarty recommend, in the beginning, that Miss Red seek Sherlock Holmes' help to solve the mystery?
5. How was Professor Moriarty planning to use the diamond, Star of Punjab, to pull off an even bigger heist?
 - Talk about the other clues you saw in the film and how they all fit together in his master plan.
6. ***Tom and Jerry*** are recognized as one of the most famous and longest-lived rivalries in American film with a never-ending rivalry between a house cat (Tom) and a mouse (Jerry). The plots of the Tom and Jerry films usually center on Tom's numerous attempts to capture Jerry and the mayhem and destruction that ensues. Often we see Tom and Jerry smiling at each other which seems to depict a love-hate relationship rather than the extreme annoyance each displays towards the other in each cartoon.
 - How do Tom and Jerry treat each other in this film?
 - Is it similar or different to how you have seen them behave in other films?
 - How much did you like this compared to other Tom and Jerry films?