

***CORPORAL PUNISHMENT***  
***“they will soon receive a more than sufficient  
punishment” [BERY]***

*When we think of boarding school education in Victorian England, it's easy to conjure up the usual stereotypes: old drafty buildings, horrible food, stern teachers, and the like.*

*One of the hallmarks of the educational system at the time was corporal punishment, typically administered with a cane or piece of rattan.*

*Boys were usually caned on their backsides and girls were either beaten on their bare legs or across their hands.*

*A pupil could receive a caning for a whole range of reasons, including: rudeness, leaving a room without permission, laziness, not telling the truth, or playing truant.*

*A harsh penalty for a harsh time.*

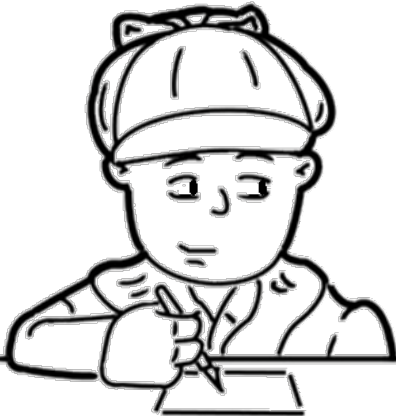
*Or was it?*

*In our research we discovered the Dickensian nightmare scenario, the physical torture of children at the hands of teachers, was not outlawed in England until... 1985.*

*More about boarding schools can be found on Trifles Episode 127.*

*Meanwhile, at Baker Street Elementary, the boys are considering how to lessen the likelihood of punishment...*

**JUST ONCE I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A  
GRADE I COULD NOT POSSIBLY GET ON  
MY OWN...**



**ANY  
SUGGESTIONS ?**

**MAYBE YOU  
SHOULD LEARN  
SOMETHING THAT  
INTERESTS YOU...**



**I WOULD LIKE TO LEARN  
HOW TO GET A GOOD GRADE  
WITHOUT STUDYING...**



**STAMFORD, IF YOU  
CAN'T RAISE YOUR  
GRADES, PUT THEM  
UP FOR ADOPTION...**

**I THOUGHT MY GRADES  
WERE REALLY GOOD  
UNTIL I LEARNED THE  
ALPHABET... WHO KNEW  
A 'D' WAS LOWER  
THAN A 'B' ?**



**MY DAD SAID IF MY GRADES DON'T  
IMPROVE, SOMEONE MAY GET PUNISHED...  
I'M NOT SURE HOW SPANKING THE  
TEACHER IS GOING TO HELP MY GRADES...**

