



QUEEN MARY'S DOLLS' HOUSE STORY

WRITING CHALLENGE

Let's begin our online research ...



Start by visiting the RCT website and watching a conservation video all about a beautiful dolls' house that was built for Queen Mary (our Queen's grandmother) in the 20th century:

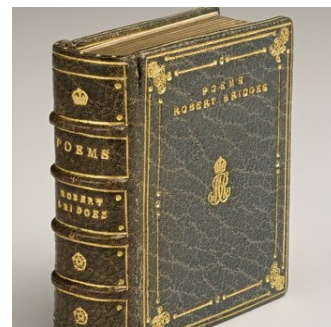
<https://www.rct.uk/collection/themes/trails/queen-marys-dolls-house>

I wonder what you thought of the video?

Let's take a closer look at the dolls' house library. Go back to the dolls' house page, scroll down and find the library icon. It looks like this:

Library

170 authors of the day
supplied works for the Library



This page tells you a bit about the book in the collection.
Scroll through the images to see the tiny writing on the first page.

On this page, can you find out how many authors Princess Marie Louise asked to contribute miniature books for the library? Write you answer here:

Next, scroll down the page and click on 'How Watson Learned the Trick'.

We are going to take a closer look at a story written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle using his famous detective character, Sherlock Holmes.

Now it's your turn to come up with your very own detective story. Let's start with your setting – the dolls' house library!

Take a good look at this picture (you may need to zoom in).

Try to find:

- A chess set
- An elaborate clock
- A table lamp
- A globe



What else can you see? These objects are the clues in your story!

Your story will also need characters. They can be anyone you like. Give each character a name and their role in the dolls' house. For example the butler, the maid, the Lord or Lady, other family member, or a visitor.



Now for the story. Something has happened in the library ... something bad! You are going to need the help of the famous detective, Sherlock Holmes.

Write him a letter. In your letter outline what has happened, who may have been involved and what clues you have found in the library. Get in as much detail as you can so that Sherlock Holmes can help you out.

Good luck and have fun!

Dear Sherlock Holmes ...

