

# The Mystery of Sam Smiley

Becoming a Detective:

A body, identified as Sam Smiley, has just been found under suspicious circumstances. Your task is to unravel the mystery of Sam Smiley's demise. Just like any good crime scene investigator (but was it a crime?) you are to sift through the available evidence in order to ascertain [find out] how and why Sam slipped his mortal coil (died). Specifically, you are to use all the available evidence to create:

1. a timeline, to trace the events of Sam's final day
2. build a personality profile of Sam
3. generate a hypothesis/final report of Sam's demise

## ***Searching for Clues***

Different historians use various tools to collect and organize the evidence they find so that it will be easier for them to formulate an argument later on. Some historians use note cards to jot down aspects of evidence that they have just seen. Later they return to these note cards to help them support their arguments.

We have provided you with three activities to help you organize the evidence you have collected about Sam Smiley. By using these tools you should be able to formulate your argument more easily and crack the case.

## ***Sources***

It is important that you understand what information the witnesses have presented in order to understand who Sam Smiley was and what happened to him. The Sources sheet allows you to examine the witness testimony and determine how and if what each witness has said is useful. It also forces you to look deeply at how and why you think a particular testimony is useful. In re-examining the testimony of a witness you might discover he/she is not as useful or more useful than you originally believed.

## ***Timeline***

The Timeline will help you see exactly how events happened on September 3-4. You should remember a few things about constructing a good timeline. Your timeline should be made to some type of scale and the order of events should be clearly written out.

## ***Profile Sheet***

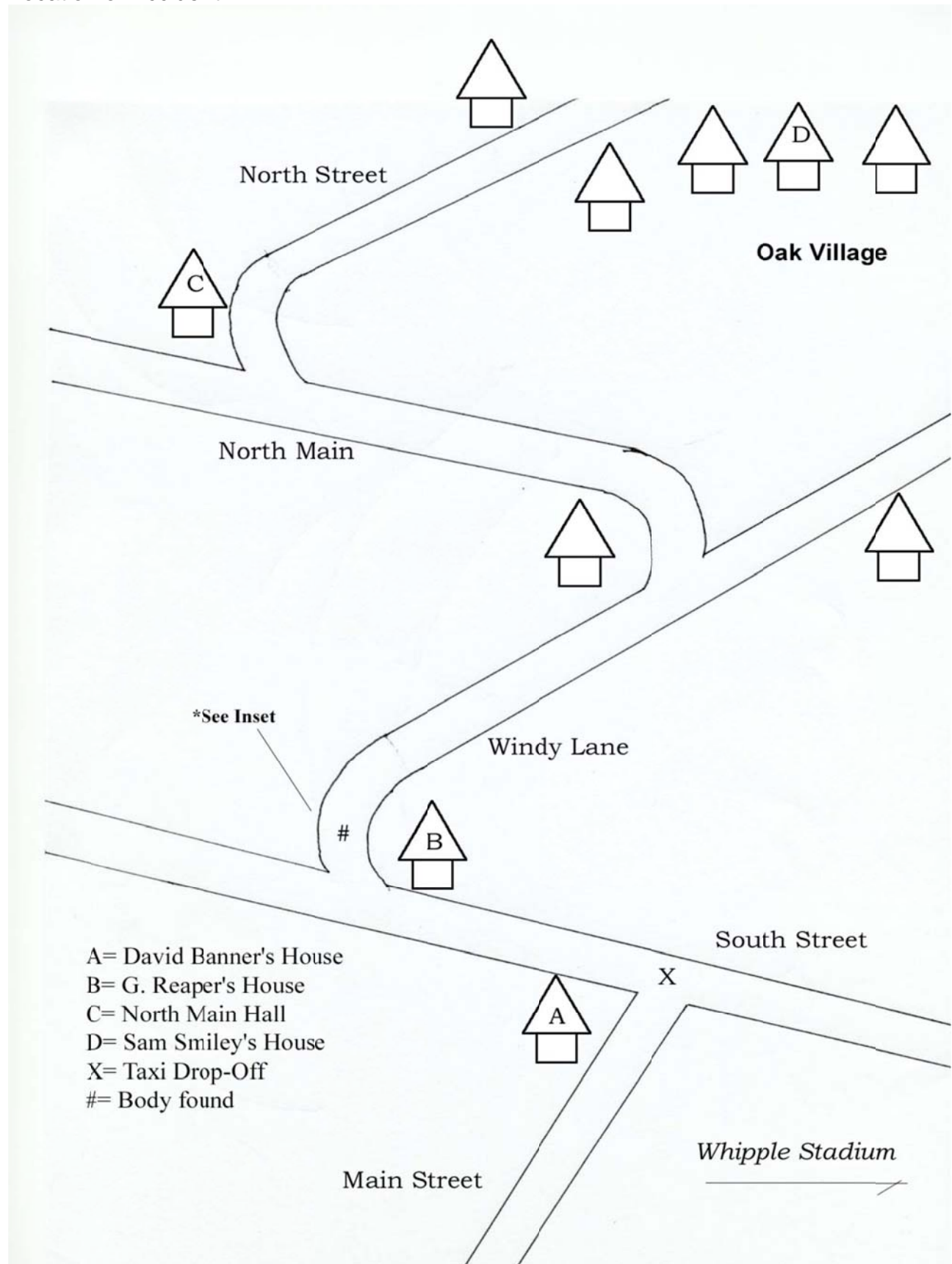
The profile sheet will allow you to compose your initial impressions of Sam. Once you get these impressions and observations down on paper you will be able to begin organizing them to form a cogent argument.

## ***Hypothesis Sheet***

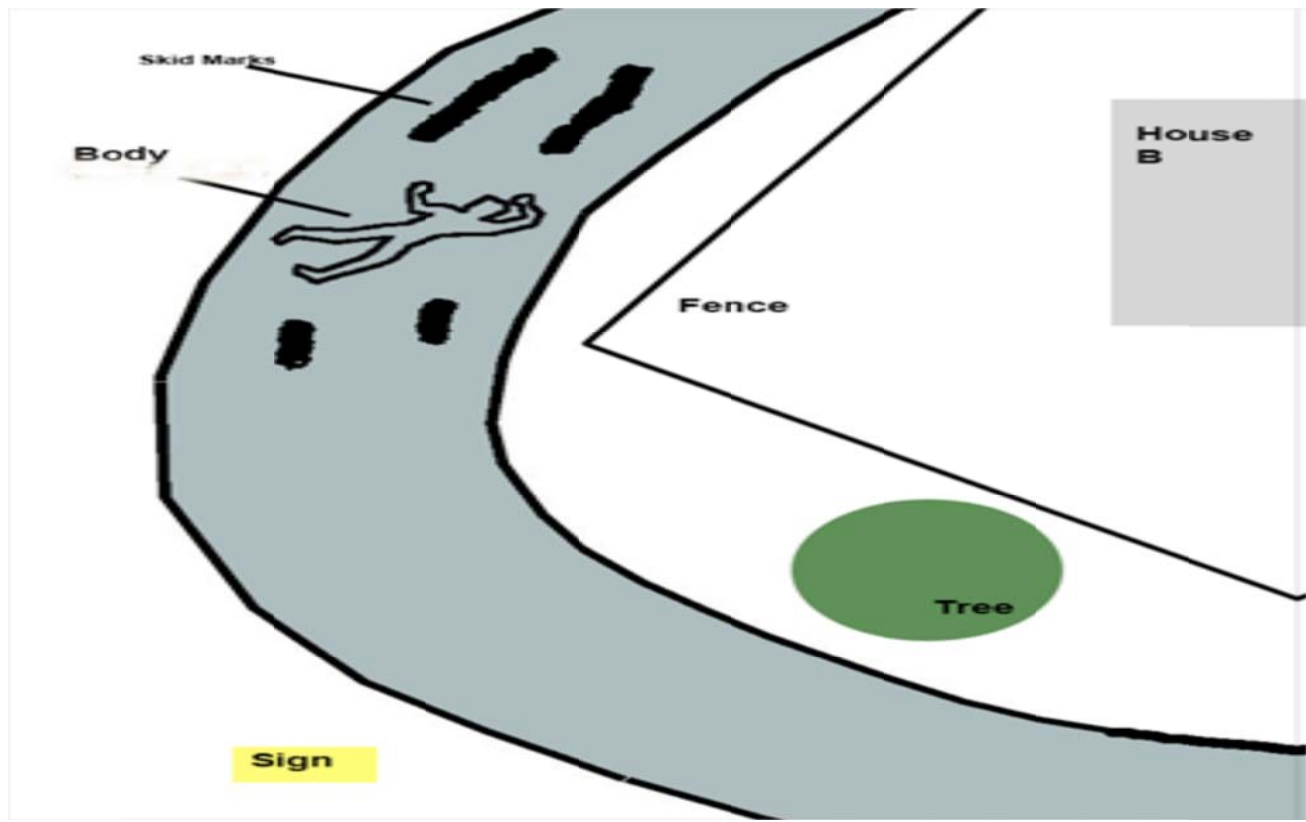
Now that you have reviewed your sources, created a timeline, and compiled a profile of Sam you can use the Hypothesis Sheet to begin building an argument about who Sam was and how he met his end. By engaging in the preceding activities, it should be easier to begin to form your argument on the hypothesis sheet.

## Sam Smiley Evidence

Location of Accident



Map inset done by CSI Rookie



### Bus Schedule North Main Street: Weekdays

#### Scheduled Service

Monday-Thursday:

Last trip from North Main to Whipple is 10:30pm

Last trip from Whipple to North Main is 10:45pm

North Main Hall	Evening Schedule Whipple Stadium	North Main Hall
7:00	7:15	7:30
7:30	7:45	8:00
8:00	8:15	8:30
8:30	8:45	9:00
9:00	9:15	10:00
10:00	10:15	10:30
10:30	10:45	11:00

Friday-Saturday  
11:15 11:30 11:45

Friday-Saturday  
Last trip from North Main to Whipple is 11:15pm  
Last trip from Whipple to North Main is 11:30pm





## Witness Statements

### Statement of Adam Evening Witness #1

We all met at the ticket both at about 8:00. Sam was late as usual. He got there at 8:15. We have been waiting months to see Smelly Feet. And we nearly went inside without him. He said the 7:00 bus was cancelled. And the next one from his neighborhood was at 7:30. He is always late, I mean I took the 6:30 in to beat the crowds and meet up with Bob. But Sam just was not ready. He had been out all afternoon and I guess his mom said he was running late. We had a really fantastic time at the concert. Sam and I spent over an hour in the mosh pit. We even stayed in the mosh even after Bob left. When the concert was over after 3 encores at about 11:00 we left the stadium to go to our bus stop. Man the streets were packed and we had to push our way through. We were waiting for the 11:30 bus, it's the last bus to our neighborhood and then Sam decided he was hungry. He saw some hot dog cart a couple of blocks down the street. And he set off and he just did not make it back in time when the bus came. I could see him in the line for the hot dog.

### Statement of Mr. G. Reaper Witness #2

Everyday I get up at 5 in the morning, make some coffee, walk my dogs, and get my newspaper. I have a German Shepherd and a Black lab. This morning while I was out on my usual walk down windy lane, I had only been walking for a few minutes walked, when the dogs started barking and going crazy. As we went around the corner they pulled me out into the middle of the road and there was what looked like store mannequin lying face down in the road. As I got closer I realized it was a body. And I immediately went home and called the police. I then remembered that my wife had said that at around midnight or so, she had been woken up when she had heard a lot of noise like engines and brakes screeching outside. I bet it was then that the accident happened.

### Statement of Mr. David Banner Witness # 3.

My house sits about 1/2 mile south of the intersection of Windy Lane and South Street. Boy over the years have I seen some accidents. There really should be streetlights, a sidewalk and more signs to get drivers to slow down. I have even written to the town council about this problem. I was up watching Conan O'Brien at about 12:40. Boy is he funny. Anyway I heard a car stop outside of my house. And I saw this young kid with a blue sweatshirt and Khaki pants getting out of a taxi. But I could not work out why he was outside my house since the next housing development – Oak Village – is about 3 to 4 miles down the road. He was not anyone I really recognized. It is a shock to think that I was the last one to see him alive.

#### Statement of Henry Ford Witness #4

Well I knew it could be a busy night due to the Smelly Feet concert. And I had just dropped off a group of girls when my dispatcher called and sent me back to the stadium for one more fare. In fact I was to pick him up on Sullivan Street two blocks over to avoid the crowds. He was waiting for me by a hotdog stand at about 12:30 and appeared a little frustrated with the wait and the fact that he had just spilled ketchup all over his blue sweatshirt and pants. And that was all he talked about since they were new. He said he had called at about 11:45, but the streets were packed with traffic and this was the best I could do. Then he says to me, "I live in Oak Village at 2332 North Street". Well it is about \$10 to there, and I run a business not a charity. I told him I would take him as far as I could for \$6 and then he would have to get out. I dropped him off at the corner of Main Street and south, which is about 4 miles south of his house. And that was at about 12:45 or so.

#### Statement of Bob Wilson- Witness #5

Sam, Adam and I met at the ticket booth at 8:00p.m and we went into see the Smelly Feet. The concert was really super groovy. The Smelly Feet rock. Everyone was dancing and shouting and the mosh pit was really fun. It was absolutely packed. I had to be home earlier than Sam and Adam. The last bus to my neighborhood is at 11:30. I think I left at about 11:00. The last I saw Sam he was still in the Smelly Feet mosh pit.

#### Statement of Mrs. Smiley Witness # 6

Well my son Sam had been looking forward to this day for months. In the morning I gave him his allowance and he told me he was staying at a friends house tonight after the Smelly Feet concert. He had been out all afternoon I am not sure what he was doing. But he came home just in time for dinner. In fact he was a little late because Adam had phoned twice to speak to Sam and he was not in. He left a message just saying see you at the ticket booth. Sam came in had a couple of bites to eat went upstairs and then I heard him come down stairs and he just shouted " See you later." I was just going to see if he needs any more money but he was gone.

## Sources Sheet:

<b><u>Sources</u></b>	<b>Is the source useful for creating a timeline to trace the events of Sam's final day? How?</b>	<b>Is the source useful for collecting information to build a profile of Sam? How?</b>	<b>Is the source reliable evidence to explain the events that led to his death? How?</b>
Witness 1			
Witness 2			
Witness 3			
Witness 4			
Witness 5			
Witness 6			
Movie ticket			
Concert ticket			
Family Photo			
Library card			
College ID			
Receipts			
Map and Inset			
Other:			

**Timeline and Profile of events**

(create a scale)

September 3rd

Noon



**Profile of Sam**

(Personality, habits, etc.)



**What Happened to Sam Smiley?**  
(Hypotheses supported by evidence)

