

Handouts for *The Mystery of Sam Smiley*

Handout 1: Evidence Analysis Sheet

- 1) **OBSERVATIONS:** What does this source tell us directly about Sam Smiley and the events leading up to his sudden disappearance? If the source is a witness, what did he or she directly observe or have knowledge of?
- 2) **INFERENCES:** What does the evidence from this source suggest about the personality of Sam Smiley and the event leading up to his sudden disappearance? (Inferences are like hunches. They are ideas that may lead somewhere, but more evidence is needed to back them up.)
- 3) **GAPS:** What does this evidence *not* tell me about Sam Smiley and events leading to his sudden disappearance? (What is missing in the information provided by this source?)
- 4) **QUESTIONS:** What new questions arise from the evidence I just gathered? What questions can I ask witnesses that might help them remember even more about that evening? What further evidence should I be looking for?

Source	Observations	Inferences	Gaps	Questions
Witness 1				
Witness 2				
Witness 3				
Witness 4				
Witness 5				
Witness 6				
Wallet Contents:				
Movie ticket				
Concert ticket				
Family Photo				
College ID				
Receipt A				
Receipt B				
Receipt C				
Receipt D				
Bus schedule				
Map and Inset				

Handout 2: Witness Statements

Witness #1 Roberta Wilson, friend

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 leaves at 11:30. I think I left the concert at about 11:00. The last I saw Sam he was still in the Smelly Feet mosh pit.

Witness #2 Adam Gonzales, friend

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 Roberta. 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 Roberta left. When the concert was over after three 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.

Witness #3 Henry Fellows, taxi driver

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 get there, and he had only \$6. 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.

Witness #4 Mrs. Smiley, mother

My dear son Sam (sniff) 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 (sob) 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 needed any more money but he was gone. That was the last time . . . (sobs again).

Witness #5 Mr. G. Reaper, dog walker

Everyday I get up at five 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, 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 a pair of jogging shoes and a wallet. 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 outside like engines roaring and brakes screeching. I bet something was happening out there.

Witness #6 Ms. Susan Chang, resident

My house sits about half-a-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 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 three or four 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.

Handout 3: Evening Bus Schedule

Monday-Thursday:

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

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North Main Hall	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	9:30
9:30	9:45	10:00
10:00	10:15	10:30
10:30	10:45	11:00

*Friday - Saturday

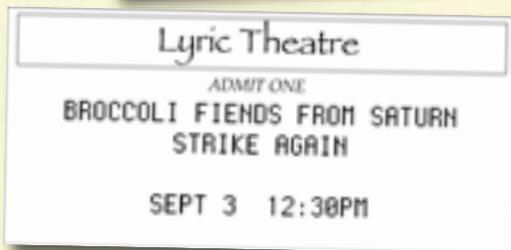
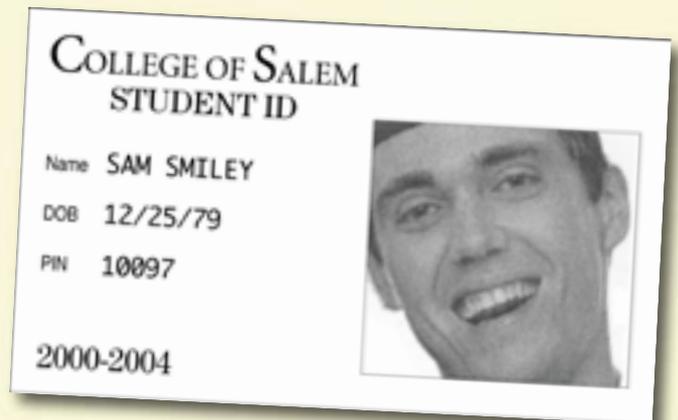
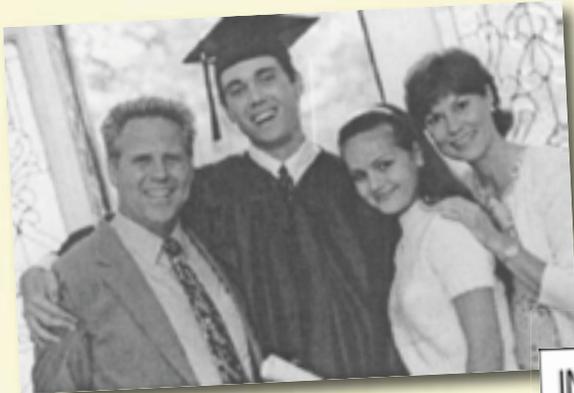
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Friday – Saturday:

Last trip from North Main to Whipple is 11:15 pm

Last trip from Whipple to North Main is 11:30 pm

Handout 4: Contents of Sam's Wallet



RECEIPT A

Big Al's
Time = 11:29 pm
Date = Saturday Sept. 3
2 Hot Dogs - \$5.00
1 Large Soda - \$1.99

RECEIPT B

Jann's Juke Box
Music Store
Time = 5:30 pm
Date = Saturday Sept. 3
Smelly Feet CD - \$17.99

RECEIPT C

Cool Clothes
Fashion Warehouse
Time = 4:17 pm
Date = Saturday Sept. 3
Pants - \$14.98
Socks - \$3.20

RECEIPT D

Super Cool Clothez
Time = 3:07
Date = Saturday Sept. 3
Shirt - \$10.00
Shoes - \$55.00

Handout 5: Map—Location of “Disappearance” (with Inset)

