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Dear WTCI Members,

I was very honored when my Dad asked me to write this and tell WTCI members how great the Sherlock television series is. I am a senior in high school and attend the Chattanooga School for the Arts and Sciences and my brother Riley is a sophomore at Baylor. I will be honest. I have not really watched a ton of PBS programs since I was younger and I was into Fetch - I do like Nova from time to time though. We also watch documentaries made by PBS at my school quite a bit. However, when Sherlock first aired 6 years ago, it really made me think differently about PBS. It was entirely different than what I expected and I loved every minute of it. I would spend an entire week talking to my family about the previous episode and what it meant for the future of the series. Sherlock is a show that will never leave you bored or wishing for the show to end so you can watch football - it will more likely leave you begging for more. I still cannot believe that I have been anxiously waiting for the fourth season for 2 whole years. The way the last season ended certainly does not make the wait any shorter. Don't worry, I won't spoil anything. So, you can probably guess that I was overjoyed to hear that the fourth season will finally debut this coming January. In honor of this glorious occasion, I am here to explain to you why this show is so addicting and why you should start watching it.

Sherlock Holmes, the star of the show, is played by one of Great Britain's most talented actors, Benedict Cumberbatch. He has just recently taken on the protagonist role in his first ever big movie production as Dr. Strange, which has also seen very good reviews. The show truly captivates you from the very start. There is never a dull moment. It combines the essence of mystery, action and pure genius all in several action-packed, one hour episodes. Not to mention it also being very educational. Cumberbatch is the only one that can play this role properly. No one else could do it better. Sherlock truly makes you think harder than you normally would because of the way that Cumberbatch swiftly runs through his lines. You may have to watch the same episode over three times to completely understand what he is saying. Cumberbatch represents Sherlock in a very unique way - a very brilliant, yet arrogant genius who can sometimes get a little carried away in the moment and enjoys the adrenaline of mystery and action. If you enjoy watching action films, mystery movies or anything to do with the Masterpiece Collection, make sure to tune in to PBS this coming January to catch the much anticipated fourth season of Sherlock. I guarantee you will get hooked just like I did.

Warm regards,
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