

# **THE TRUTH ABOUT OPIUM SMOKING**

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An opium den was an establishment where opium was sold and smoked. Opium dens were prevalent in many parts of the world in the 19th century, most notably.

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In the mids, Chinatowns started to form in London and Liverpool with grocery stores, eating houses, meeting places and, in the East End, Chinese street names. A typical opium den in San Francisco might have been a Chinese-run laundry that had a basement, back room, or upstairs room that was tightly sealed to keep drafts from making the opium lamps flicker or allowing the tell-tale opium fumes to escape. The establishment "run by the Chinaman" described in *The Mystery of The Truth About Opium Smoking* Doodwas based on a real opium den.

ChineseimmigrantsfirstestablishedChinatowns inVictoriaandVancouver. Some of the literary elite of the time including Arthur Conan Doyle see "The Man with the The Truth About Opium Smoking Lip" and Dickens himself visited the area, although whether they themselves took up the "pipe" has remained undisclosed. Although some opium entered China by land routes from India to Sichuan in the southwest, most of the drugs came by sea and were unloaded at the Lintin rendezvous near Canton. Later other foreign ships secretly stole into port with more opium. Fortheworkingclass thereweremany low-end dens with sparse furnishings. Britain did not recruit as many workers as North America, where the Chinese were employed on the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad and where many Chinese immigrated in search of fortune during the gold rush, thus the Chinese communities were much smaller in Britain.