

Gulliver's Travels

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Review Sheet

Be able to identify the following characters or places:

- Lemuel Gulliver
- Emperor of Lilliput
- The Farmer
- The Queen of Brobdingnag
- The King of Brobdingnag
- Lord Munodi
- Yahoos
- Houyhnhnms
- Lilliput
- Brobdingnag
- Laputa
- Houyhnhnmland

Lilliput

1. Describe the people.
2. How is Gulliver treated when he arrives.
3. What three things are similar to the British empire.
4. List three examples of satire from this story.
5. How does Gulliver gain his freedom.
6. Why does Gulliver earn his freedom (he finds out after the fact.)
7. How do the Lilliputans earn their jobs in government?

Brobdingnag

1. Describe the people.
2. Why does Gulliver appear silly to the farmer?
3. What threats to his life does Gulliver survive?
4. How does Gulliver become part of the "royalty?"
5. What do the discussions with the King center on?
6. Why does the King think the British are unusual?

Laputa

1. How does Gulliver lose his ship again?
2. What strange "floating" island appears to him?
3. How do the people of Laputa move the island?
4. What part of European life is Swift satirizing with this group?
5. Why are the Laputans unable to "land" the island or leave their island?
6. How do they punish members of society or cities who don't follow the rules?
7. What rebellion were the Laputans able to avoid?
8. What is the point of a flapper?
9. Why do the people of Laputa need flappers?
10. Why do they try to use a flapper on Gulliver, even after he says he doesn't need one?

Houyhnhnms & Yahoos

1. Describe the differences between the two groups.
2. Why do the Houyhnhnms act like they are better than the yahoos?
3. What does this story satirize in British life?
4. Why does Gulliver struggle to fit into a group?
5. What group does he finally put himself in?
6. What is Swift saying about the human condition?
7. Why do you think many people call Swift a misanthrope (someone who despises humans)?