

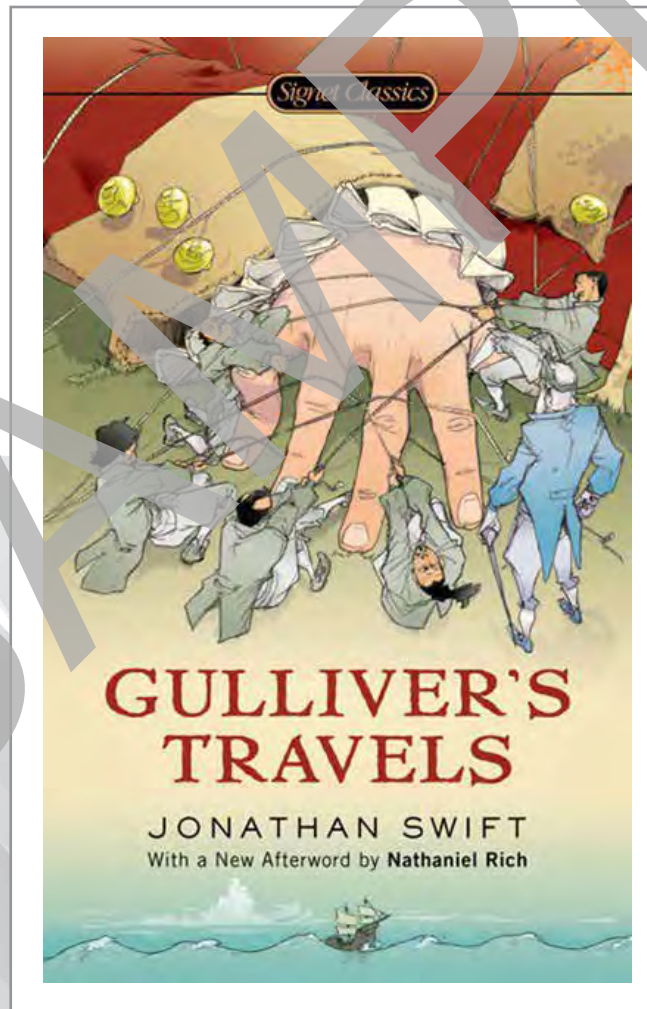


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GRADES 9-12

Gulliver's Travels

Jonathan Swift



READ, WRITE, THINK, DISCUSS AND CONNECT

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Study Questions
Use During Reading

Directions: Write a brief answer to each study question as you read the novel at home or in class. Use the questions for review before group discussions, quizzes, and tests.

* = thought question, no right or wrong answer

** = prediction, no right or wrong answer

Part I

"A Letter..." and Chapters 1-4

1. Why did Swift preface his book with the "letter from Capt. Gulliver"?
2. What was Gulliver's family background and career training like?
3. What induced Gulliver to travel?
4. How did Gulliver end up in Lilliput and how was he received there?
5. What was the Emperor of Lilliput like?
6. What were the results of the inventory taken by the Lilliputians?
7. How did the Lilliputians entertain Gulliver?
8. What conditions were placed on Gulliver's freedom?
- * 9. What struck you most about the description of Mildendo (London)?
- ** 10. Why will Gulliver leave Lilliput?

Chapters 5-8

1. How did Gulliver prevent an invasion?
2. What title was Gulliver given?
3. Why did Gulliver hear "the word *berglum* repeated incessantly" (p. 68)?
4. How did Gulliver help save the Empress?
5. What was unusual about Lilliputian burial customs?
6. Why did the Treasurer hate Gulliver?
7. Why did Gulliver escape to Blefuscu?
8. How did Gulliver get back to England?
- * 9. What would you ask Gulliver if you were his wife?
- ** 10. How long will Gulliver be away from home the next time?

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In Lilliput, the scale of proportion is 1 to 12. An average man is about six feet tall in our world, so an average Lilliputian man would be about 1/12 of that: 1/2 foot or 6 inches.

Directions: Get together with a partner or small group. Figure out the approximate height of each of the following Lilliputian items. (Hint: About how large is one in our world? What is 1/12 of that?) You may find an almanac and other reference tools helpful in doing this activity.

Item	Height in Our World	In Lilliput
two-story house		
flagpole		
grown maple tree		
highest mountain		
Michael Jordan-sized athlete		
the high dive at a pool		

Figure out the approximate length of each of the following Lilliputian items:

Item	Length in Our World	In Lilliput
a bed		
the longest river		
a piece of spaghetti		
a belt		
an adult shoe		
the equivalent of a 50-meter pool		
a school locker		

Figure out the approximate area of each of the following Lilliputian items:

Item	Area in Our World	In Lilliput
A bedroom your size		
A house or apartment your size		
a TV screen like yours		