***Gulliver’s Travels*** Study Questions

1. In what voice is the story written?

Page 1:

1. Where and when was Gulliver born?
2. What reason did Gulliver present for his urge to travel?

Page 2:

1. What purpose does the map serve?

Page 3:

1. What surprised Gulliver when he woke up at the beach?
2. What language did the “strangers” speak?
3. What did he understand they were telling him?
4. What did he ask of them?

Page 4:

1. Why didn’t Gulliver follow his urge to pick up 5 or six people and throw them to their death?
2. What is the name of the country of little men?
3. How was Gulliver moved to the capitol?

Page 6:

1. Why did Gulliver say that he felt miserable?
2. What position did Gulliver assume in order to be able to speak with the king?

Page 7:

1. What were the king’s orders concerning Gulliver?
2. How long did it take Gulliver to start speaking the new language?
3. What was Gulliver’s request from the king and what was the king’s answer?

Page 8:

1. What was the Lilliputan’s reaction to Gulliver’s belongings?

Page 9:

1. What did the Lilliputan’s call Gulliver?
2. What entertainment ritual was Gulliver invited to and what was it for?
3. How did Gulliver feel about this sport?

Page 11:

1. What is the black object being washed to the beach?
2. On what conditions was Gulliver finally given his freedom?

Page 13:

1. Give some examples of strange laws of the land of Lilliput.

Page 14:

1. What does Reldresal reveal to Gulliver?
2. Who are the enemies of Lilliput at home? What is the root of their animosity?
3. Who are the enemies of Lilliput abroad?

Page 15:

1. Why has Lilliput been at war with Blefuscu?
2. What message does Gulliver send to the king at the end of the chapter?

Page 16:

1. What did Gulliver do to help Lilliput in the war with Blefuscu?
2. What scares Gulliver of the arrows?

Page 18:

1. How was Gulliver rewarded for what he had done?
2. What was the king’s plan regarding Blefuscu and what was Gulliver’s answer?
3. Who came to Lilliput after three weeks and why did they ask to meet Gulliver?

Page 19:

1. How did Gulliver put out the fire at the palace?
2. Were the king and Queen grateful?

Page 20:

1. Why was Flimnap jealous of Gulliver and was his jealousy grounded?

Page 21:

1. What accusations did the Lords hold against Gulliver?

Page 22:

1. What punishment was decided against Gulliver?

Page 23:

1. What did Gulliver decide to do and how?

Page 24:

1. Why did Gulliver refuse the offer of the king of Blefuscu?
2. How did Gulliver escape?
3. What did he take with him?
4. When did Gulliver leave little people’s land?

Page 25:

1. What did Gulliver do with the stuff he had brought back with him from Lillliput?
2. Why did Gulliver travel again?
3. When did Gulliver leave England (Belfast)? Where was he heading?

Page 26:

1. How many dates are in this page?
2. What is the name of the land on which they had eventually landed?

Page 27:

1. Why did the ship crew abandon Gulliver?

Page 28:

1. What dangers did Gulliver face in this page?
2. How did he get the “giant” to notice him?

Page 29:

1. What special arrangements were done for Gulliver’s stay with the giant family?
2. How did the young boy treat Gulliver and what did it remind Gulliver of?

Page 30:

1. What dangerous creatures threaten Gulliver’s life at Brobdingnag?

Page 31:

1. Who took charge of Gulliver and what did her name mean?

Page 32:

1. What does Gulliver call his host in Brobdingnag?
2. What was he forced to do and how did he feel about it?

Page 33:

1. What was the result of Gulliver’s public display on his health?

Page 34:

1. Why did Gulliver’s “master” decide to give him away to the queen?
2. What was surprising about Gulliver to the queen (apart from being tiny)?

Page 35:

1. How did the king treat Gulliver? What did he order for him?

Page 36:

1. What questions did the king ask Gulliver and what was his reaction that annoyed Gulliver?

Page 37:

1. Why was the dwarf giving Gulliver such a hard time?

Page 38:

1. What other trick did the dwarf perform and how was he punished?
2. Where is Brobdingnag and why don’t people know about it?

Page 39:

1. What purpose does the map serve?

Page 40 & 41:

1. What kind of dangers did Gulliver face in Brobdingnag?

Page 45:

1. At bottom of the page: how does the king come to this conclusion about Gulliver’s country and is there some truth in it?

Page 48:

1. How does Gulliver escape the land of Brobdingnag?

Page 50:

1. Why do the sailors saving Gulliver think he is mad?
2. What language did they speak?

Page 51:

1. Why does Gulliver speak loudly to the captain of the ship?
2. When does Gulliver return home?
3. What did his wife make him promise?

Page 52:

1. Why does Gulliver decide to travel this time?
2. What did the pirates decide concerning Gulliver?

Page 54:

1. What land did Gulliver discover?
2. How was he transferred to the island?

Page 55:

1. How strange were laputans?
2. Why does Gulliver say that it is difficult to speak with Laputans?

Page 56:

1. What land did Gulliver visit?
2. What did he notice about their university?

Page 57:

1. What strange practice do they have in education?

Page 59:

1. What is strange about the land of Glubbdubdrib?
2. Who did Gulliver visit every day?
3. What historic personality did Gulliver ask to meet?

Page 60:

1. What question did Gulliver ask the Great King’s ghost?
2. Who else did Gulliver meet?

Page 62:

1. Why was Gulliver so excited about the Struldbrugs?
2. What did Gulliver imagine he would do as a struldbrug?

Page 63:

1. What is the truth about the struldbrug situation?
2. How long did the trip to Laputa, Balnibarbi, Glubbdubdrib and Luggnagg take?

Page 64:

1. What is different about Gulliver’s trip this time?
2. How did he get stranded alone on a beach in the Indian Ocean?

Page 65:

1. Describe the strange “animals” encountered by Gulliver.
2. Who saved Gulliver from the animal attack?

Page 66:

1. What surprised Gulliver about this country?
2. What is the meaning of the word Houyhnhnm?
3. Who were the Yahoos and why was Gulliver horrified about this?

Page 67:

1. What was Gulliver’s main problem as a Yahoo himself?

Page 68:

1. Why were the Houys surprised at the word “lie?

Page 69:

1. What happened when Gulliver tried to explain about English/human culture of war?

Page 70:

1. How did Gulliver live in the land of Houys?
2. Why couldn’t the Houy master understand money?

Page 72:

1. Why was Gulliver forced to leave the land of Houys?
2. How did he feel about leaving?