

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea

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While reading

Chapters 1–2

1 Name these people and things.

- is twenty-seven metres long.
- is famous for writing about sea animals.
- ask Aronnax about the giant whale.
- goes with Aronnax on the *Abraham Lincoln*.
- doesn't watch the water every day.
- stays in front of the *Abraham Lincoln*.
- falls into the sea.

2 Who says the sentences a–e? Who are they talking to?

- 'You were in the sea and I wanted to stay with you.' to
- 'You and I went into the sea at the same time.' to
- 'You try. Perhaps he understands English.' to
- 'I'm going to escape from this submarine.' to
- 'You can never go home.' to

Chapters 3–5

3 Write the right words in the sentences.

difficult good heavy reads
unhappy up usually well

- Captain Nemo and his men eat very
- Captain Nemo often Aronnax's books.
- A submarine is a home for a scientist.
- Every morning, the *Nautilus* goes for air.
- The *Nautilus* stays about one hundred metres underwater.
- Ned is on the submarine.
- Diving suits aren't in water.
- It isn't walking on the sea floor.

4 Put these sentences in the right order.

- Ned, Conseil and Aronnax go to the Papuan coast.
- The Papuans try to kill the men with spears.
- After five days, the *Nautilus* starts to move.
- The *Nautilus* stops on a coral reef.
- The men start putting things in the small boat.
- The *Nautilus*'s doors open, and air comes into the submarine.
- The Papuans get into their boats.

Chapters 6–7

5 Answer these questions.

- What is Atlantis?
- Why have few people visited Atlantis?
- What does the *Nautilus* go under on its way to the South Pole?
- How long does the *Nautilus* stay at the South Pole?
- Why do the men work with knives and spears?
- Why are the men ill?

6 Underline the wrong word in each sentence and write the right word.

- After their visit to the Arctic, the men don't see Captain Nemo very often.
- The *Nautilus* goes into the boat very slowly.
- Captain Nemo dies hundreds of seamen.
- Boats and whales ten metres away can't escape the Maelstrom.
- After the Maelstrom, Aronnax opens his eyes in the boat of a Norwegian seaman.

After reading

7 Work in pairs. Tell each other which character in the book you like best. Explain why you feel this way.

8 Look at the words on page 28. Write five sentences about *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* using five of the words from the list.

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Chapters 1–2

1 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a The whale is a hundred leagues long.
- b A coral reef can send water fifty metres into the air.
- c The *Scotia* is a French boat.
- d Ned sees the giant whale first.
- e Aronnax, Conseil and Ned are on the back of the giant whale.
- f Eight men come out of the submarine.
- g Captain Nemo talks to the men on his first visit.
- h Ned hits a man in the face.

2 Write *Aronnax*, *Conseil*, *Ned* or *Captain Nemo* in the sentences a–h.

- a is French.
- b is big and strong.
- c is Belgian.
- d is a writer.
- e is Canadian.
- f is a young man.
- g is thirty-five to fifty years old.
- h is famous.

Chapters 3–5

3 Underline the right words.

- a Captain Nemo's food comes from the *coast* / *sea*.
- b Captain Nemo *hates* / *loves* the sea.
- c Ned doesn't like *reading* / *hunting*.
- d The sea goes up and down every *day* / *week*.
- e The trees on the coast have *fish* / *fruit* on them.
- f The Papuans don't have any *boats* / *spears* at first.
- g The underwater tunnel is very *big* / *small*.

4 Put these sentences in the right order.

- a The men go to their bedrooms.
- b Ned doesn't walk on the sea floor.
- c Aronnax looks at Captain Nemo's books.
- d Aronnax eats with the captain.
- e The Papuans stay on the coast.
- f The *Nautilus* goes near the coast of Australia.
- g Aronnax sees a swimmer underwater.
- h The submarine goes into the Red Sea.

5 Match the phrases on the left with the phrases on the right.

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| a The <i>Nautilus</i> | 1 goes under Egypt. |
| b The tunnel | 2 built the <i>Nautilus</i> . |
| c The Papuans | 3 for Captain Nemo. |
| d Australia has | 4 is a submarine. |
| e The gold isn't | 5 lots of coral reefs. |
| f Captain Nemo | 6 often eat people. |

Chapters 6–7

6 Choose 1 or 2 to complete the sentences.

- a The houses on the sea floor are very ...
- 1 new.
- 2 old.
- b Captain Nemo writes with ... in the water.
- 1 a pencil
- 2 his hand
- c The *Nautilus* is ...
- 1 strong and heavy.
- 2 weak and light.
- d The boat hits the *Nautilus* in ... waters.
- 1 French
- 2 British

7 Match the questions with the answers.

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| a Where are the roads? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b What is the underwater country called? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c What do the men use to make a hole in the ice? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d Where does the <i>Nautilus</i> go after the South Pole? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e How many children did Captain Nemo have? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f What is the Maelstrom? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- 1 Knives and spears.
- 2 Up the coast of South and North America.
- 3 A giant hole in the water.
- 4 Under the sea.
- 5 Two.
- 6 Atlantis.

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Book key

1–2 Open answers

3 a scientists

b the captain of the *Scotia*

c newspapermen

d Mr Aronnax

e Ned Land

f Conseil

g Ned Land

h Captain Nemo

4 Mr Aronnax is a scientist. He wants to see the giant whale. Conseil is Mr Aronnax's servant. He goes with Mr Aronnax. Ned Land is a whaler. He works on the *Abraham Lincoln*.

5–7 Open answers

8 a ✓ b ✓ c ✗ d ✓ e ✗ f ✗ g ✓ h ✗

9 a Who make shirts and shoes from sea animals? The seamen on the *Nautilus*.

b Who was the builder of the *Nautilus*? Captain Nemo.

c Who doesn't like eating a lot of fish? Ned Land.

d Who sometimes eat people? Papuans.

e Who want to be Greek? The Cretans.

f Who gives gold to unhappy people in many countries? Captain Nemo.

10–12 Open answers

13 a 2 b 1 c 5 d 4 e 6 f 3

14–20 Open answers

Discussion activities key

1 Students can see a submarine moving through the ocean in the picture. The submarine is surrounded by fish and other deep-sea creatures. Some students might point out that the shape in the submarine's 'eye' looks like a person. Students should work out that the story will take place underwater, and that it will be filled with undersea adventures.

2 Possible answer:

When did the giant whale first appear?

In 1866.

How big was it?

A hundred metres long.

How high did it send water into the air?

Fifty metres.

What does it have on its head?

A spear.

How fast did it move in the water?

Very quickly.

3 Students should recognise that the men are on a ship in the ocean. They are looking at something in the water. They seem to feel interested and excited.

4–5 Open answers

6 Possible answers:

Captain Nemo is good because he gives gold to unhappy people and he teaches Aronnax about the sea.

Captain Nemo is bad because he doesn't let the men go free and he kills hundreds of seamen.

Activity worksheet key

1 a A big blue whale

b Aronnax

c Newspapermen

d Conseil

e Ned

f The whale

g Aronnax

2 a Conseil to Aronnax

b Ned to Aronnax

c Aronnax to Ned

d Ned to Aronnax and Conseil

e Captain Nemo to Aronnax, Conseil and Ned

3 a well

b reads

c good

d up

e usually

f unhappy

g heavy

h difficult

4 a 2

b 4

c 6

d 1

e 3

f 7

g 5

5 a A famous underwater country

b Because it is underwater and nobody knows where it is

c Ice

d For three days

e Because there is ice all around the *Nautilus*

f Because they don't have any air

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- 6 a After their visit to the **Antarctic**, the men don't see Captain Nemo very often.
 b The *Nautilus* goes into the boat very **quickly**.
 c Captain Nemo **kills** hundreds of seamen.
 d Boats and whales ten **leagues** away can't escape the Maelstrom.
 e After the Maelstrom, Aronnax opens his eyes in the **house** of a Norwegian seaman.
- 7 Open answers
- 8 Possible answer:
 People can't live without **air**.
Captain Nemo has a submarine.
 Aronnax is a **scientist**.
 Conseil is Aronnax's **servant**.
 The *Nautilus* goes under the **ice**.

Progress test key

- 1 a **X**
 b **X**
 c **X**
 d **✓**
 e **X**
 f **✓**
 g **X**
 h **✓**
- 2 a Aronnax
 b Ned
 c Conseil
 d Aronnax
 e Ned
 f Conseil
 g Captain Nemo
 h Aronnax
- 3 a sea
 b loves
 c reading
 d day
 e fruit
 f boats
 g small
- 4 a 1
 b 4
 c 3
 d 2
 e 6
 f 5
 g 8
 h 7
- 5 a 4
 b 1
 c 6
 d 5
 e 3
 f 2
- 6 a 2
 b 2
 c 1
 d 2
- 7 a 4
 b 6
 c 1
 d 2
 e 5
 f 3