

Gulliver's Travels

Group Members

Chapter 2 Quote Notes

Find two (2) quotations that illustrate (through satire) how arbitrarily the British assigned punishment.

We already saw the mention/use of excrement in Chapter 1. Find an occurrence in Chapter 2, provide a quotation, and decide what Swift is trying to portray symbolically with its use.

Quote	Symbolic meaning

In this chapter, Swift uses the “search” to satirize the Committee of Secrecy, set up in 1715 by the Whigs to impeach members of the previous Tory administration headed up by Swift’s friends Oxford and Bolingbroke. As propagandist for the Tory regime, Swift, by then back home in Ireland, was also under investigation.

Identify 3 items with symbolic meaning that are seized in the search and 1 item missed in the search, and decide what they symbolize.

Item	Symbolic Meaning
Example: <i>Snuff Box</i>	Example: <i>Human vice, sin; the Lilliputians are naïve and seize a thing that will addict them (like the British did from the Native Americans)</i>

Please don't forget to answer any further questions on your Study Guide that Chapter 2 allows you to answer!