

Gulliver's Travels

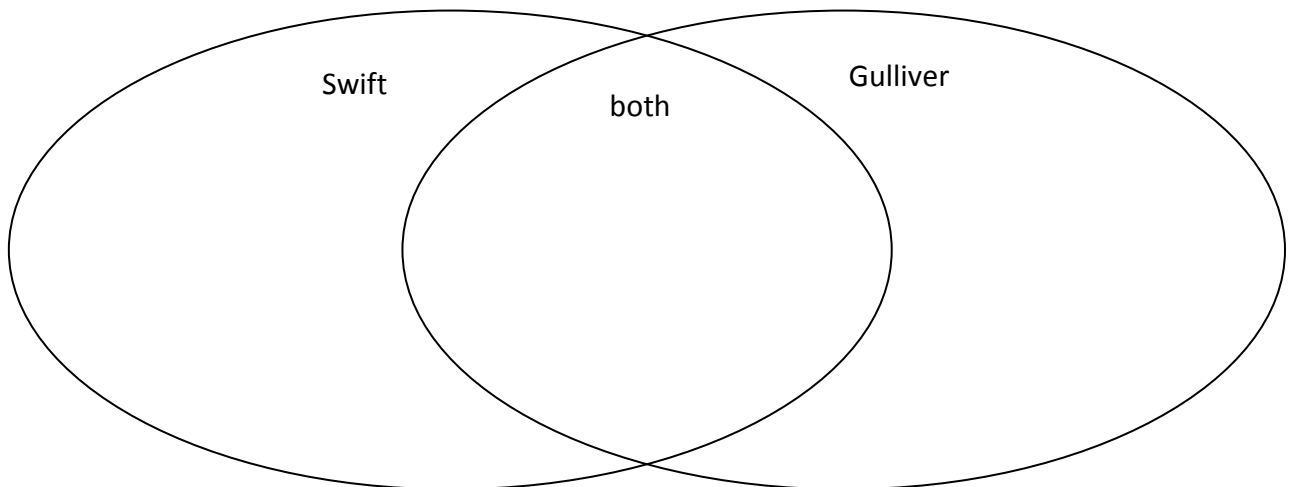
Reading Guide

Part I, Chapters 1-4 Name _____

1. Who is the supposed author of this account?

Who is the actual author?

What do you learn about the "author" from the title page, from his letter to his cousin, and from his cousin's letter to the reader? From what you know of Swift's life, how was he like/unlike Lemuel Gulliver?



2. What sort of education did Gulliver receive? Why do you think he didn't settle down at home with his wife? How do you imagine their relationship?

3. How did Gulliver meet the Lilliputians and what was their first encounter like? How else might the Lilliputians have treated Gulliver? Why didn't Gulliver just use all his might to break free?

4. As you "see" the Lilliputian world through Gulliver's eyes, which images strike you most?

5. What problems did Gulliver run into in Lilliput?

6. Why was Gulliver searched? What was taken? What is being satirized here?

7. How was Gulliver entertained? How did he entertain the Lilliputians? What is Swift mocking here?

8. What were the conditions like under which Gulliver was finally set free? Which of these nine points do you suppose he resented the most?

9. What does Swift seem to be satirizing in this section? How is he poking fun at the nobility?

10. **Prediction:** Why will Gulliver leave Lilliput?