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Seeking In Novels

May you have a little break now? Let’s think. What if these things happened?

A very beautiful girl, with a pair of big, lovely eyes, lives in a house just next to yours.

A group of well-experienced explorers vanished in a wild forest in search of a special stone.

A man put a piece of paper in your hand, said nothing and left.

An old guy took out a wallet but toured it into pieces.

A famous person in your career asked you to meet her at seven this afternoon, you decided to go without the permission of your boss.

The door bell rang at midnight.

Five horses were missing according to your father.

A terrible disease broke out in the town.

You’re in opposite of your nephew’s engagement with a rich girl, about which the rest of your family all agreed.

A spy was kidnapped by a woman. The woman then disappeared.

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So how do you feel now? Is the capacity of your brain still enough?

Obviously, it’s unlikely for you to have experienced all of these things in your life. But they’re logical. You can’t deny that they could happen in some cases, although some of them seemed like from another world. They are like novels, aren’t they?

A novel offers you an extraordinary possibility. You may never experience the occasion in your life, but they may be more exciting than your real life. A novel concludes brilliant cuts and wonderful epitomes. As well as cleared the unnecessary things, you can in this way figure out the clues and find out the profound truth behind the surface.

So we are here to read novels.

We are here to seek the deep personalities and spirit inside one’s heart. We are seeking for solutions of all kind of difficulties. We are seeking what right or wrong really stand for. We are seeking the necessity behind coincidence. We are seeking the natural rule of survive. We are seeking the meaning and responsibility of real love. We are seeking in another world to look for the similarities with our living situation. We are seeking the way to live better from bit by bit. We are seeking for the principle of how everything changes and moves on.

We wrote down our understandings as theme reports, to make a record, to improve English and to share with others. While continuously seeking, it’s hopeful that we can gradually approach our goal.
We kept seeking the meaning of life. We kept seeking in novels.

Theme report of

*White Fang*

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The story is mainly about a wolf named White Fang but it started before his birth. When his mother and father were starving, they had to eat dogs from a sled team and at last ate one of the people. Then White Fang was born together with his brothers and sisters and was the only survivor from the later famine. His father died in the fight against a lynx so white fang hunt with his mother until they met the Indian people. The she-wolf was a half dog half wolf and once escaped from her old masters, Indians. These people treated them just as they treated dogs. White Fang became tamed but his wildness didn’t fade away completely, he was the strongest and became the leader of the dogs. Later he was sold to a miserable person and gradually lost his love in the cruelty of his new master and the fierce dog fight. He met his last master after almost dying from a fight with a bull-dog. The new master was patient and was nice to him so he was touched and changed at last.

In my opinion, the character of white fang is highly influenced by the environment. When he lived with his mother, he was a pure beast and learned every lesson from the nature. After he met the Indians, he thought they were strong and found the nature of dog in his body. He began to obey those people and knew that he was to work for them and protect his master. This sort of life continued until he was bought by a greedy and mean person. He was treated cruelly and was only free to fight other dogs. Suffering from this kind of living hell, he was filled with hatred and was eager to hurt others. At last he met the kind person who treated him kindly and helped him find the ability of loving and being loved. In the end of the story White Fang was just like a common dog. I don’t know if he kept the wildness in his body and what kind of story is going to happen next.
Theme report of *White Fang*

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This novel told a heart-warming story. White Fang, a wolf dog, whose life was rough and hard, makes me impressed.

Since White Fang was born, he began to learn the laws of nature. When he beat the lynx, he realized that killed or be killed, eat or eaten. That let me know that the nature was so cruel and intricacy that every creature needed to think about themselves.

As I was thinking how he would live in the nature, he met the human. He was brought to the village never came back. In there, he lost his mother and became stronger and more cunning. When he grew up, he was sold to Beauty Smith. Then his life became tired and difficult and nearly dead. It was that time when his benefactor, Scoff, turned up and saved his life. At first he was wary with Scoff, but as time passed by they became good friends and finally lived blissfully.

This story showed us the love between the man and the animals. They could understand each other and give them help. That sincere love was invaluable and could not be irreplaceable. Or the other hand hate and grudge can’t beat the love after all, that’s why we received the love from. The people around and always be optimistic to the world.

In conclusion, love is the most powerful force in the world. And I believe if all of us show the kind of others, there’s no doubt that our life will be mere and more colorful.
In my opinion, White Fang is a strong and tough fighter, a loyalist and a born leader. The story is about White Fang, a half-dog and half-wolf’s experience of life. The early times of White Fang were tough, his father died when he was a cub and the she-wolf had to take care of her children, they fought for survive everyday and one day Fang met human eventually, he soon learned the power of human and was spellbound and was tamed by man; however, his mother was taken to somewhere and vanished ever after. The young Fang did not lose hope, his leadership, strength and loyalty soon gained him the adore from humans. But the joyful time did not last long, for his master was tricked by a man called the brute Beauty Smith, to whom he was sold. Then came the worst time of his life, when he suffered from the brutality of Smith, being locked in a small pen and was beaten from time to time, he also had to fought other dogs everyday just to entertain the gamblers. It was in this period of time that made him became unloving and unloveable. The life was like being in hell until two kind man, Scott and Matt, rescued him from the gamblers and gradually moved White Fang by their kindness, they gained Fang’s trust and loyalty. Fortunately, after being in a life of hardship and misfortune, the tamed wolf White Fang ended up in a joyful life.

What we can see from the story is the power of motherhood, the different aspects of human nature, the toughness and wilderness of wolf, and how human changed the nature. The story also showed another facade of the wolves, though it is not the instinct of wolves, but still, the loyalty and love that showed inside White Fang, it is mainly because of the love given by humans, when White Fang suffered from Smith’s brutality, he became unloving and unloveable. On the other hand, which tells us that, one’s behavior can change others’ character in different ways, so if we show our love and kindness to others, we pass it on, others will also become loving and kind.

(what’s more the whole story used “he/she” to describe a wolf, made the wolves more manlike and made story vivid)
White Fang, written by Jack London, is about a wolf cub making its way in the world and the book describes how this cub learns things and sees things.

This cub is called white fang, because at first the cub’s teeth is white. The cub’s growing path is like a child grows up, the path is full of pains and sorrows, little of happiness. He is a gray wolf born by Kiche and One Eye. He has a lot of challenges after his mother is taken from him when he was just a puppy. He has to deal with people that never show him affections, to cruel people who hurt him. Finally, he finds someone who loves him indeed and treats him good and takes care of him, but he really suffered a lot before he gets that life. After introducing the story of this book, then I will briefly tell about his curiousness to the unknown and some reflection of this.

know, like the mouth of the cave which he thinks as a door of light that only his father and mother can pass through. Every day he ventures towards the “door of light” and every day he is turned over by his mother and dragged back into the cave by her. That developed an idea in his mind that he should be smart to avoid hurt. One day, he starts to wonder around in the outside world and from his instinct he killed and ate the bird. Later when he meets the chick’s mother and shortly learns that it is better to kill small things than big things.

The outside world is wonderful and full of attract, we all do not know when we will be lured, though at first we can control our emotion, after several times we will be lured. People was lured to the north to find gold, we are fight for the new things, the better life. At every stage of our life, we will encounter different attract, the interesting toys, the good-income job, the cars, the house, too much tempts, we are puzzled and lose our judgment. Gradually, we lose ourselves. The little cab was interested in the outside things of the cave; he did not want to be constrained by the environment mow. We should appreciate it; we should keep the curiousness of the new things but still have their own judgments. Be clear what you are doing, have a correct purpose, do not be stubborn, be flexible to do things. In now days, we are face a lot of choices, find a job or continue or study, one is by the fact, another is our interest. Because these, we are hesitate to choose, the idea was deep in our mind, the first choice will determine the following things. But in my opinion, life itself is a pot of colors, whither you are good or bad, it is your business. All depend on ourselves.
I read White Fang these days and was deeply touched by it. It taught me a lot. I want to share some of my feelings with you.

Firstly, I'd like to say something about kindness and cruelty. In fact, it's a matter of hate and love. People who love others are always kind and face the world with a smile, whatever happens. But those who have hate are always blinded by it. The story of white fang is a good example. He once was loved and knew how to love before he feel hate. With the help from Scott and Matt, he learned to love again. He's lucky to have good masters. Sometimes, hate may seem powerful, but that's just surface. We should not only learn how to love ourselves, but also how to love people around us, how to love the world.

The power in white fang's heart is another thing that I want to talk about. From my point of view, the power that made him pull through the difficulties is his belief, or you may say the spirit he learned in wildness. He's never a tame dog. He's a wolf in the deep. That's why he could beat those dogs and survive at last.

This is a real fantastic book. I hope that everyone can find something in this book like I do.
Theme report of *White Fang*

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As I am reading this story, I take more interest to this experienced wolf.

He was being loved by his parents all the time. But when his father suddenly disappeared in his life, I felt that he doomed to a suffering and extraordinary growing process. This little cub finally went through the entrance to the cave, although he ate the chicks and was pecked by the mother bird, I didn’t feel sympathy for him. Instead, I think it was the treasure experience. It reminded me of my childhood, when I was a little girl I was not afraid of anything but curious. In this we are the same.

Since he first met human, his life had changed a lot. In the wholly strange place, he not only suffered the dog but lost his mom. I was moved by his courage of going against all the adverse situations.

The wolf is not impossible to be tamed. I felt shocked when white fang appear on the deck of the steamship. It shows that the secret is the mutual love between wolf and human.
Theme report of

Gulliver’s Travels

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徐瑞  叶圣泽  张启闻  王依然
王心一  孙静文  汪艺喆  谢可欣
张瑞君  李云熙  李忱航  刘熠涛
黄婧仪  席熙  杜瑞航  曹金鹏
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Theme Report of Gulliver’s Travels

“I haven’t written this to make myself famous, but because I lived with the Huoyynhnm for a long time, so I know I have important things to tell people.”------Lemuel Gulliver

After reading <Gulliver’s Travels>, I think it is obvious that the writer, Jonathan Swift’s purpose of writing this amazing book is to cast out the wicked and cherish the virtuous. The main idea of the story is as follows.

The fist part of the story is about a city called Lilliput. Gulliver was sailing on the ship Antelope with hopes for great adventures on May 4th, 1699 when a disaster happened during the voyage. He was thrown into the sea by huge waves and big winds, and finally took escape from death by swimming to a small island where Lilliput was located. In the city of Lilliput, there were just “little men” who were only about half the length of Gulliver’s foot tall. Personally speaking, what the writer actually wanted to write was the fight between the “high party” (including people who loved to wear high-heeled shoes) and the “short party” (including people who prefer wearing short-heeled shoes). He wrote this in order to satirize the two British feudal parties. Also, by writing Lilliput’s encountering its neighboring country on the battleground, Swift meant to satirize the years of warfare between England and France.

In the second part of the story, Gulliver was also shipwrecked and got to the city of giants (Brobdingnag) by accident. He lived there for a while and told the giant king about his country. But his enthusiastic introduction was questioned by the giants. In Brobdingnag, the systems were simple, the folk customs were honest and the people were warm-hearted. To make a comparison, the “human world” in Gulliver’s description seemed to be greedy, jealousy, crazy and more like a hell.

In the third part, Gulliver visited five islands, including the flying island and a place called Lagardo. In Lagardo, he visited a special “college” for inventors, where “students” were all inventing things that were not practical, and this expressed his suspect towards the modern science.

Finally, in the last part of this book, Gulliver got to the land of the Houyhnmms. And he found the horses there ruled over human beings, and were cleaner and kinder than human beings. What’s more, while staying there, he felt ashamed of being a human himself. The writer aimed to say that nowadays, people were more greedy and violent than before, and that was very bad.

All in all, throughout the novel, the writer Jonathan Swift criticized the British society, laws, and the evil human nature. In one word, he really hoped that the British society would become better and better.
Theme Report for *Gulliver's Travels*

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*Gulliver's Travel* is a famous fantasy novel that was composed by Jonathan Swift.

It is about a man called Gulliver who was eager to sail out into the ocean. He wanted to do some work like a man who regarded it as his destiny.

Gulliver traveled to The Land of Lilliput, The Kingdom of Brobdingnag, The College for Inventors, and many other strange places and countries, and finally went to The Land of Houyhnhnms. And for many occasions, his ship got into great storms and only he managed to live. In other occasions, he had been trait by other sailors. Although the story of Gulliver's unusual travels were full of great imagination and plenty of history and political knowledge, this novel was well-spread because its opinion connected to the real British politics at that time.

At the time British government is controlled by two parties, one is Whigs and the other is Tory. Whigs represented the benefit for the capitalist class and new nobles, while Tory represented the benefit for the old nobles. As a writer, Swift could just use his writings to express his feelings about the two parties. That's how Gulliver's Travels come from.

The book criticized human beings (especially humans who are well-civilized and developed) as uncivilized and rude. We human beings were often arrogant. We didn't know how to deal with conflicts peacefully.
Theme Report for *Gulliver's Travels*

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Gulliver was an ordinary people who had always dreamed of going to sea. However, he had had a series of extraordinary experiences of adventure. The first adventure was when he set sail on the ship Antelope. The ship took him halfway of the world but was destroyed by a great storm. In that case he came to Lilliput by accident. In the second adventure, he came to Brobdingnag. Instead of being like the tiny ones in Lilliput, people in Brobdingnag were giant. In spite of that, they were very kind to Gulliver. After that, he set sail again and met the floating island which was called Laputa. Finally, he met the land of Houyhnhnms and then back home for the rest of his life.

During his four journeys, Gulliver had met different people. Some of them were extremely absurd, such as the king of Lilliput and the eggheads in Laputa. Others were wise and kind, for example, the king of Brobdingnag and king of Houyhnhnms.

Each person in the story had his own character which was greatly clear, and each place had its own feature which was really magnified. These all seemed impossible in the real world. But in my opinion, the writer not only wrote a funny story, but also expressed his deep thoughts to the society by making up this imaginary story.

The first thing I found profound is the conflict between Lilliput and Blefuscu. As I always think, conflicts and wars between countries must be important and serious. But to my surprise, these two countries had wars for years just because they had different opinions about how to eat eggs! It made me not only laugh but also deliberate. Dating back to the writer’s living time, I think maybe the writer was insinuating that the politicians were always fighting and plotting for tiny bits of useless thing instead of important ones just like the narrow-minded and greedy king of Lilliput.

The other unbelievable place was Laputa. “People there were so clever that they never heard anything anyone said unless someone hit them on the ear to remind them to listen”, “he had a wonderful scheme for catching sunbeams in cucumbers and letting them out again in cold weather”, “the man trying to squash air into bricks”, “the man who wanted build houses starting off with the roofs”, “for saving people’s breathe, you carry things about to show people”… These sentences were really absurd, and I think it’s clear that the writer used sarcasm to show those unrealistic philosophers, absurd inventers and critics who invert justice.

People whom Gulliver met in Brobdingnag were much better than those in Lilliput and Laputa. However, there were still a lot to think over. When Gulliver first told the king of Brobdingnag about “the army, hobbies, the law, parliament and history” of his country, it was obvious that he was so proud of these things that when the king showed he didn’t understand those, Gulliver hadn’t realized people in Brobdingnag were much kinder and he thought it was because “people there are very ignorant and backward”. We can also feel Gulliver’s self-righteous by the sentence “perhaps the king found it hard to take us seriously because we were small”. As for
the king’s opinions about human and human society, I think it showed the writer was queried and critical to the social systems.

The last adventure was in Houyhnhnms. It might be the best place of four. Members of the country were horses. They were kind and they had many common with the Brobdingnag king. Not only that, they were smarter and they lived more peacefully. It was in Houyhnhnms that Gulliver finally realized the horrible, savage and yahoo-like humanity. As a result, he didn’t want to live as a human anymore. I think the writer expressed his abomination to human weakness and his dream for a better world.

Gulliver’s travels were over, but the real world keeps going on. After reading this book, I feel that we should really try our best to make this world a better place by making ourselves better persons.
A man called Gulliver traveled all over the world through sailing. It seems that the earth was so big for him that he could always arrive in a place that had not been marked on map. Actually, they are very strange areas. Gulliver met many strange things…

I was little when I first read a simplified version of this book. I was still confused about why world is like this but not in different ways at that time so I liked this book. The imagination of the writer is a bit similar to mine. Why people are all in the same size? There must be a country that people there are bigger or smaller. Why the world is mastered by human everywhere? What if not? Though I knew the stories cannot be true, I still considered them interesting.

But I changed my mind when I read the full version in junior high. I didn’t enjoy it much. Especially when I read the forth part about Houyhnhnms and Yahoos I nearly gave up reading. If everyone hates human just like the writer, how can we live on? The book is full of sharp irony. I couldn’t bear it. How can we judge the world like this? Not everything is so horrible right?

Now I began to accept it. The writer is just seeing the world in a different point of view. The imagination of those strange countries is only the image of our real world through a magic mirror. Some things are the same as ours, some things are enlarged, some things are distorted, but they all relates to our real society. Many writers are looking for a way to reflect our world in their stories. Jonathan Swift used an extremely exaggerated way. But maybe it is in this way that we can realize our world more exactly.

When we look down at all the society, we see the disadvantages clearly. When we look up the society, we find what are more reasonable. When absurd things happened, we think of whether these things really exist. When human are being mastered, we know a completely different system and its advantages. The four part of the book gave us various inspirations. The magic mirror does work.

Sometimes, another point of view makes us judge one thing more fairly. And as Gulliver’s travels, see the world in different point of views give us a deeper understanding.
Theme Report for *Gulliver's Travels*

——rethink about human beings

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Honestly, I have read Chinese version of this novel. My initial feeling was that altough it was just a fantasy travel story, the author wrote the novel so vivid that it almost convinced me the story had really happened in the history. Unwillingly, I read this novel in the English version recently and was deeply amazed by his incredible imagination for the second time. Read this novel reminds me of the famous France science fiction novelist--Jules Verne.besides, it also reminds me of a book „named” The Adventures of Baron Munchausen”. Both of the two writers are creative and the stories of two books are ridiculous! In addition to the ridiculous, the novel is full of incisive criticism of human society.

In brief, the novel is mainly about the surgeon Gulliver’s four sailing adventure.In his voyage to the Lilliput, he was regarded as giant because the inhabitants there are tiny. In the Lilliput, people have so much leisure time that they don’t know what to do. As a result, they just focused on little divergences and argued about them without an end which nearly leads to war. In the real life, sometimes we might split hairs on meaningless tiny problems as ridiculous as Lilliputians. Eat the boiled egg at the little end or eat the boiled egg at the big end, as long as you can eat the egg either the way is ok, why they have to fight for the life-and-death. In my opinion, the reason is human’s dominant. Perhaps, sometimes we should control our dominant to meet others demands. I despise the king of Lilliput. At the risk of losing his life, Gulliver I bravely stole the warships from the other country to help defend an unfamiliar country. Normally, the king of the saved country should thank him. However, far from that. The king wanted Gulliver to go back and steal all the warships so that he could invade the country. How greedy the king is! This is another wicked behaviour of human. At last Gulliver left without hesitation.

In the second part, Gulliver went to Brobdignag where inhabitants not only are giants compared to the human, but also superior in wisdom. The author wrote about
human society by means of Gulliver’ talk to the king. Author criticise the marvellous invention of human –gun, has lead to so much blood and destruction. He even describe human beings as “the nastiest collection of horrible creatures that ever crawled upon the face of the earth.” It is thus clear that author is not satisfied with the crude living rules of human. In the end, Gulliver was free in an accident.

In his third voyage, he visited the flying island where the inhabitants spare no time to study some absurd problems. With poetic exaggeration, he criticise the unrealistic scientists who act lik mads and the historians who swear black is white. When Gulliver visited struldberg he changed his mind about death. The struldberg lives on forever, what’s more, they getting poorer and sicker for ever and ever. This might symbolize the decadent forces’ destiny.

In his last voyage, Gulliver was banished to the Houyhnhnms. The king of the country: rational wise, hardworking, brave, kind and friendly, with integrity - of the ideal of humanity. On the contrary, there also exists a kind of animal called Yahoo which looks like human beings.he describe the disgusting yahoo as sly, ignorant and despicable beasts, who resemble human beings not only in appearance but also in almost any other way. Author directly poineted out the human’s shortcoming: ugly and dirty, the cruel aggressive brutish, human vicious brutality, jealousy, vilenes and so on. Influenced by the pure social in Houyhnhnms, Gulliver entirely rejected human society.

The main background of writing the novel was the British dark society. And I think the human now is much better than the human which author described in the novel. But it is still the right time for us to rethink about human beings.
This book tells us the story about Gulliver’s travels. His hobby is travelling the world. I think it’s his desire of going to sea made him meet lots of strange adventure.

The first time, the ship wrecked and he nearly drawn in the sea. When he wake up, he found himself was tied to the ground with hundreds of pieces of string by many little man who were only six inches high. Then he know that he was in a small-people country called Lilliput. But the lilliput’s king used him as a fighter to attack another small-country. He didn’t agree. that made king angry. finally he left. Second time, He visited land of incredible giants called Brobdingnagians. They are more than sixty feet tall. And once his moving house was fetched by a hawk. Then he fell into the sea. Fortunately he was saved by a ship. He travels to Laputa, a city that floats in the sky, and to Glubbdubdrib, the Island of Sorcerers. His final voyage brings him into the Houyhnhnms where the hosts are horse. There aren’t any cheats and lair.

Although this book is about Gulliver’s strange adventure. but the main idea that the writer wants to express is the corrupt of England. The story are full of sarcasm. The writer reveal the ugly of humanity. The people are always thinking about how to conquer another country and kill thousands people who never hurt him. People cheat to others only because they want themselves be rich. So don’t let lies fights exist. The world will be more beautiful and peaceful.
Gulliver's Travels is one of the most exciting adventure novels. I like reading the adventure stories, and I read many books, but Gulliver's Travels is one of the most exciting fantasy adventures ever written. Gulliver's Travels are broken up into four parts. The first two parts are the most famous, where Gulliver visits a land in which he is a giant and another in which it is filled with giants. When Lemuel Gulliver sets off from London on a sea voyage, he doesn’t know that there are many incredible and unbelievable misadventures awaiting him. Shipwrecked at sea and nearly drowned, he washes ashore upon an exotic island called Lilliput—where the people are only six inches tall! Next he visits a land of incredible giants called Brobdingnagians. They are more than sixty feet tall! He travels to Laputa, a city that floats in the sky, and to Glubbdubdrib, the Island of Sorcerers. His final voyage brings him into contact with the Yahoos—a brutish race of subhuman’s—and an intelligent and virtuous race of horse, the Houyhnhnms.

After I had read this book, I admire for Gulliver's wisdom, courage and spirit taking risks very much. He is a man different from the rest. As soon as he sees the sea, he could not keep his impetuous of adventure. As a doctor, he often took the travelling ship to everywhere, thought that the crew sees a doctor for the excuse to travel around the world and everywhere risk. This is the spirit being bold in making innovations. By the Gulliver's Travels, the writer not only satirized the United Kingdom system at that time, but also made a hero who like taking risks. We should learn the spirit being bold in making innovations, don’t afraid of difficulty and dangerous, just like Gulliver. When Gulliver arrives at Houyhnhnms, he is surprised at those horses being so kind and pure. As he say about human’s cheating and greedy, they really hate human. I have been enchanted when reading this book. Seem to be that I and he adventure together. And I admired him for his resourceful and brave.
I have read this book already when I was in primary school, though it appealed to me, I just took it as a somewhat comic book because the story seemed funny but worthless to me. However, during this second reading, I did feel a gloomy mood span the whole novel. Every magical island appeared in “Gulliver’s Travels” actually carry its own special meaning which hide deep inside. The following are some personal ideas that I’d like to share with you after reading.

First it comes to the Lilliput. Gulliver saved this country twice in this story, yet what he got back was the distrust of the king and the dislike of the queen. People in Lilliput treated Gulliver as a tool to help them win the battle instead of a true ally. And the most ridiculous part is that the Lilliput fought with the Blefuscan just for making them open all their eggs at the small ends according to the Lilliput’s tradition. Kind of like France and England at that time, isn’t it?

If the Lilliput stand for the cunning and greedy, I suppose the Brobdingnag would be exactly fit for the shortsighted and closed-minded. After Gulliver explained about everything in England, hoping the king could find some good ideas to copy in Brobdingnag, the king came to a stupid conclusion that all you needed to run a country was common sense and fairness. This was obviously very silly of him! And this really makes me think of the Ancient China when it was still ruled by Qing dynasty. Like Brobdingnag, China didn’t realize how ignorant and backward we were until the Opium War took place.

As for people living on the flying island Laputa, it seems really sarcastic to me that they were far too clever to live in this real world. People from “the college of inventors” are just the same. They chased for the kind of science which is nonsense and didn’t work well at all. For example, someone wanted to build houses starting off with the roofs. Besides that, the Lugnagg’s struldbregs also left an impression on me.

At last, I would like to talk about the final adventure to the Houyhnhnms. The horses, which were considered to be masters there, were strong, clean, well-educated
and hard-working. There’s a huge difference between yahoos and them. Though everyone in this world wanted to have a peaceful atmosphere, it’s really hard to make it come true. Because there’s a pay for it, that is, we could never either be in love, or quarrel. We’ve got to ask for nothing like what the Houyhnhnms did, unfortunately, we are the exact type of yahoos who was extremely greedy and vicious.

Come back to the book, another moving part to me is when Gulliver was forced to leave. His heart was filled with sorrow. How could he go back to live in a place ruled by people who were so much like yahoos? And I was totally astonished and speechless seeing that Gulliver’s fear of getting on with other people, even his family members. But that’s still not the point yet. What made me even more depressed is that knowing Gulliver would spend hours talking to his horses.

It’s a good story, but all I see in this book is the burning despair and the darkest side of humanity. And I have to say a scientific fairy tales which full of disillusionments is far more cruel than this reality world. Gulliver’s Travel is exactly an example of it!
Theme Report of *Gulliver’s Travels*

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1. Plot

Gulliver worked on a ship as a doctor. The ship met a typhoon and Gulliver drifted to an island named Lilliput. People there are only 6 inches tall. He helped the people win the war, but he let the captives go. The king was angry about what he did, so he came to the Lilliput’s opponent. There he found a ship passed by and returned to England.

Gulliver got lost again in his second launch out. He arrived in Brobdingnag where people are all giants. He was found by a farmer and was sold to the queen. He introduced Britain to the King, and the king likes him very much. With the hawks’ help, he returned to his home again.

Gulliver got to Laputa in the third time. People there are only interested in math and music. He knew some unbelievable thing there, and back to home by a ship.

In Gulliver’s last trio he went to Houyhnhnms. It was a place dominated by horses. He enjoyed the life in Houyhnhnms, but he had to leave there. He returned to his home sadly, and his trips came to an end.

2. Characters

Gulliver: He is an adventure. He loves his country very much. He is brave and smart.

Skyresh: He is catty and nasty. He likes to do bad things in the background.

Lillput’s king: He is narrow and vain.

Brobdingnag’s king: Wise and sane. He did well as a leader.

Houyhnhnms’s king: He is wise, hard-working, kindhearted and just. He is the perfect man in the writer’s heart.

3. Theme

The story shows the contradiction in Britain in 18 century. It also criticizes the corruption in the society at that time.

4. Opinion

The writer wrote this story to reflect the society in 18 century, but I think it also shows some problem we still have now. Nowadays, a lot of people in the society is narrow, vain, and nasty, just like the Lillput’s king and the Brobdingnag’s king. They just think about their own benefit. Maybe they are very friendly to you on the surface, but they may also say something bad behind you.

I hope that one day, our society will be more harmonious. No one will do the nasty things; all people will help each other. We will have a leader like the Houyhnhnms’s king. He will always make the right choice.
Theme report of Gulliver’s Travels

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Plot:
Gulliver worked on the ship. He drifted to the land of Lilliput where little men lived after a shipwreck. His gentle made him quickly adapt to that land and got the King’s appreciation. Envy urged Admiral Skyresh to union with the council. They framed Gulliver up and wanted to drive him out. Gulliver caught a lucky escape and got home safely.

Gulliver met his second disaster soon and was blown to another land called the kingdom of Brobdingnag where everyone there was a giant. Gulliver was bought by the Queen in his performance and met the King. He tried hard to fawn on the King and the Queen and always debuted with the King. With some advanced method, he escaped from that country and sailed back to England.

The third part is about his experience in Laputa and some other countries after he robbed by pirates. He visited Lagardo—the College for Inventors, and found the things they worked on were absurd. He got back to England by ship.

The last place he went by accident was the Houyhnhnms, it was a place ruled by horses with great personalities. Gulliver loved staying here with the horses but he couldn’t. He left with the determination to abandon the common world.

Characters:

[Gulliver] He likes adventures and he is brave and friendly to people. He loves his country and finds the corruptions of the society in his travels. He expresses and behaves properly, and has a clear stand on what to love and what to hate. He is an ideal positive character with the writer’s personal hopes.

[Admiral Skyresh] He is a minister in Lilliput. His flattery is his only way to please the King. He is narrow-hearted and full of jealousy.

[The King of Lilliput] He is a man of vanity and cruelty.

[The King of Brobdingnag] This King is knowledgeable and wise, with hatred of wars and political plots. His ruling is fair and merciful.

[The King of Houyhnhnms] He is the model of the ideal human beings in the writer’s mind. He is strong, frugal, brave and kind. He represents justice and friendliness.

Theme:
This is a book of satire. The land of Lilliput is used to satirize the political intrigues and wars. The kingdom of Brobdingnag is a image satirizing the institutions and policies of England. The Lagardo of Laputa points to the philosophers, scientists, inventors and historiographers of that time. The last part of Houyhnhnms reveals the
basic of wars and the shameful acts to get political position. The writer satirizes the human beings as well as the society, expressing his wish for a better society.

**Opinions:**

This book shows the features of England of that time—a time of greed, conflicts, brutality, anger, envy and ambitions. In the book, horses represent wise, while people become dirty and hated ones. After reading the book, I can’t stop having a self check to see which adjectives I should use to describe myself.

Everyone can be sincere and fair and have many virtues. The only determinant is that what kind of person you would like to be. If everyone’s choice is to be a good person, the society will be in unimaginable harmony.

I hope that one day, our society will be like *Houyhnhnms*. There weren’t doubts in the eyes of children. The education and the reality would be unified. I am willing to make my own efforts to let the society get sincerer and less hypocritical.
Lemuel Gulliver was born in Los DingJiaM state and started to go high in the U.K and Netherlands. When the voyage to the south began on May 4th, 1699, Gulliver was working as a surgeon on Antelope. At first, it was calm and tranquil on the sea. Unfortunately, the ship wrecked at sea and nearly drowned during the voyage. Then soon he found out he escaped from the disaster safe and sound because of the sea waves which washed him ashore upon an exotic island called Lillput. Gulliver became the giant there since the people were only six inches tall. After he set off again, he was soon stranded on a land of incredible giants called Brobdingnagians. They were more than sixty feet tall! Then he started his third voyage sailing to Laputa, a city that floated in the sky. However, the people there were really conservative.

When Gulliver left for his forth voyage, he got to Glubbdubdrib which was the island of Sorcerers, who had the figure of horses with wise, self control and good manner. The life there was just like being in the wonderland because of the lack of cheating, greed and war. There were also a kind of creature which looked like humans called Yahoo. Sorcerers trained them to be the slaves. After being told that humans were just like Yahoos, including both outside and inside, the leader of Sorcerers got sick of humans. Therefore, Gulliver was soon becoming the exile. When Gulliver came back to England, he was tired of the odious behaviors developed by his family, so he spent his rest of life with two horses happily.

In my opinion, the book is full of imagination and gets a different view of the world during that time, which makes the story totally active just like it was happening in front of my eyes. And I think the most important part of this book is about the irony. By this kind of writing technique, it reveals the portrait of the cruel and contradictory society in the U.K in 19C. For example, the conflict between High Heels and Low Heels reflects the quarrel between different parties in the U.K. It almost symbolizes the whole capitalist countries in Europe. As for me, I’m really looking forward to the peaceful society in Glubbdubdrib and I think if we work hard together, we’ll finally see that day comes.
Theme report of Gulliver’s Travels

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After reading how completed his four adventure. I really appreciate his brave and smart. Still, I can’t believe if there are so many incredible countries, but I believe there are such things happened in our daily life like what happened in these countries.

I think this book has used satire art in writing. The writer just pointed out the bad things in our life and overstated the things in the book. For example, the king of Lilliput liked to give the best jobs at Court to the people who wore low-heeled shoes, because he didn’t want to look shorter than others. Some people live around us just like using this way choosing friends. They love the person who is less smart than them or not as good as them, so that. It can make them look better and smarter. I think these are kinds of person who don’t have enough self awareness, or lack or confidence. They want to hide their shortcoming instead of finding a proper way to correct their disadvantages.

And in Laputa, people made an inventor college and studied on a lot of useless things, such as how to build a house form roof. It seems unbelievable, but some people also try some useless things in our life. Although we all know the studies are unbelievable, but we just see the result after practice, I guess we don’t know the fire can burn ur if we never touch it. So make every thought to real is a great way to check if it’s right or not.

What’s more, opinion in this book is kind of pessimistic. Gulliver finally arrived in Houyhnhnms, a country which governed by horse, included Yahoo---the local name of human. The horse was described to have wonderful character, critical, honest and kind. The writer went back home and admired of the Houyhnhnms character, so he just got along well with horse. He was depressed by the work and society. The character which Houyhnhnms had shows on people too. He just too attention to the bad side of human character but ignored the other side.

Above all, I think its a wonderful book with great meanings to warning nowadays people, worth to read.
Theme report of Gulliver’s Travels

It is seems like a very simple story which can be called a fairy tale, but if you read carefully it is not hard to find that the writer really wants to criticize something that exist in the society at that time. and what I found out from the story is” happiness between absurd”.

I like the passage every since I first read it. The writing method is just so fabulous, the writer describe such a illusionary world so lively, that I felt the scene can be touched by me sometimes. I not only appreciate the writing style but also admire it’s contents.

Take Lilliput part as an example, I have two opinions on this adventure. On one hand, I think the writer is very brave and calm, and his longing for adventure and clear mind when face difficulties is the main point for why I admire him. for example, when the Lilliput king asked Gulliver to steal all the warships from Blefuscan and commanded the people there to open the eggs from the small end, Gulliver refused at once which reflect his justice and intellect mind. so I appreciate the writer.

On the other hand, the story shows the pathological society at that time. like the writer said “the people are too smart that I have no one to talk to” it is actually accusing the scheming people. And for the reason why Lilliput and Blefuscan fight is just contradiction of how to open a egg. it can’t even be called a contradiction. isn’t that ridiculous? form my point of view, I think the people at that time just cares more about small things instead of the major one, the don’t know what is called a whole situation or friendly, they just fight for the time-limited benefit and never care about others, that’s a very sad situation. and I am sure that the purpose of the writer to write this novel is to change this kind of atmosphere.

Above all, what I learned from the novel is a good passage need not only marvelous writing method but also constructive ideas.
Theme report of Gulliver’s Travels

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In my opinion, *Gulliver’s Travel* is a typical irony masterpiece in literature, which seems just a simple adventure story but actually contains lots of critical thinking and also stands for some deep suggests of humanity.

In the first part, Gulliver arrives at Lilliput, a country with people in such small size. Although people at there are different from us in size, their mind still get involved with some bad morality such as jealousy and stinginess. From one of the kings wants to use Gulliver to rule all the area comes the conclusion that they are also jealous of substantial things. The queen doesn’t thank Gulliver for his help of putting out the fire, instead, she punishes Gulliver later. I think the author tries to mock her narrow-minded.

As for part two and part three, both the giant and “inventors” play a satiric role in the book. For me, although they are quite pure in some cases, they are lack of polite and interpersonal intelligence in other cases. The giant don’t care about cleaning much, while “the inventors” seldom communicate with others. I think either of the weakness is good for one’s future career.

In my mind, the last part is the most interesting one of all the book. I think it is a kind of metaphor to compare Yahoo to human. Yahoo is brutal and bestial, however, the horses are all gentle. It means the unbalanced level of humanity in the modern world.

Critical thinking is a very useful way to appreciate a literature masterpiece and *Gulliver’s Travel* is just one of those are famous for both their stories and irony theme. It is the *Gulliver’s Travel* that teach me the original things in humanity and make me fully understand it by some specific adventure stories!
Theme report of Gulliver’s Travels

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Writing background
“Gulliver's travels” is a remarkable book, it is not a simple children's books, but a masterpiece full of satire and criticism of the literary.

The writer, Jonathan Swift was raised by his uncle, he went study in the famous Dublin three one college. At the time, served as the church clergy is the most secure way for the poor children; but Swift hated those cumbersome theology and philosophy courses, his interest was in history and literature. He gave up his degree, and had to go home to be a private secretary. Soon, he’s insightful, satiric sharp articles shows his great talent in literature.

One of his article exposed corruption in the government, directly contributed to the truce between English and French, the agreement was even called as ‘Swift agreement’. He later became Queen's speech drafter, but still kept poor life.

He was involved in partisan struggle when he was in London. Because he was very famous, he gained the Tory leader's attention. The Tories are big land owners, wars for they are of no benefit, so they cater to the British people dislike war psychological, fiercely attacked the Whigs militant policy.

In such circumstances, he wrote the Gulliver’s Travels. The author reflected the first half of the eighteenth Century British social contradictions, exposing the ruling group corruption and crime, and strongly attacked the war of aggression and colonial harm. Despite being on court and politicians of the satire, the story was ahead of its time and place limitation

The details of the book
Part 1. Lilliput
Gulliver surgeon sailed on ship and caught in a big storm. When he woke up, he was bound to the king by many little men. His performance gradually won the king and people's affection for him, and he gradually became familiar with the customs of the country. In Gulliver's help, Lilliput destroyed another little men country’s navy, but rather than destroy "Gulliver's empire, the emperor of Lilliput is very unhappy. Then, the emperor want to get rid of Gulliver. He heard the wind, and escaped from Lilliput, later he returned to England.

Part 2. Brobdingnag
Gulliver was blown to a strange land, the residents there is like a tower, he was picked by a farmer. In order to made money, the farmer took Gulliver to the town for performance exhibition. Later, he was bought by the queen. The king summoned him, he speak in excitement, boast of their great motherland, political wisdom, the justice
of law, but the king's attack was so sharp that he couldn’t answer. Because homesick, he pretended to be ill in the third year, came to the seaside to breathe the fresh air. The Sky Hawk mistook him for the box as a turtle picked up. The box fell into the sea, and Gulliver was rescued by the ship. Then he sailed back to England.

Part3. Laputa

Staying at home for a period of time, Gulliver went to sea again, but he was attacked by pirates. Gulliver lucky escape, and floated to a flying island. The people on Laputa looked abnormal, and making strange study all day. The king and nobles lived in flying island. The Academy of sciences are very useless, and resulting in national land desolate. Gulliver finally came to Japan, and then went to England.

Part4. Houyhnhnms

Gulliver was banished to Houyhnhnms. The horses were the rulers here. While Yahoo is the horses’ slave. In the Houyhnhnms all kinds of virtues of probation, Gulliver wanted to stay in the Houyhnhnms forever. However, Houyhnhnms decided to destroy the Yahoo. So the Gulliver desire can not be achieved. Gulliver spent his lifetime with horses when he came back.

My own opinion

I’ve read the Gulliver’s Travels when I was 9. At that age, reading this novel is just like reading a fairy tale. Even I was a little boy, I found out the stories in this book was all made up. And if you regard this novel as a fairy tale, the story is neither fantastic nor beautiful. Sometimes the stories seems like the real things, sometimes it’s absolutely impossible. After reading this book, you will find yourself getting nothing from the novel and just read an absurd story.

I always wondered why the Gulliver’s Travels are so famous and influential in western country, I didn’t think this kind of silly stories can have big effect on people. I began to change my mind when I knew this novel’s background. From the materials I read on the net, I first realized that this novel wrote four fantasy travels seemingly. In fact, it satirized the English politicians and human’s deep rooted bad habit. The story is funny, but we can see the deep meanings under the words. In Lilliput, Gulliver won the battle for the small people. But the king of Lilliput wanted to kill Gulliver after the war. It reflects some people who is black hearted. They make use of others to get benefits for themselves. They never satisfied and get rid of those who aren’t valuable and dangerous.

I learn an important lesson from it, ‘Don’t judge anything if you know nothing of them’.
Theme Report for *Gulliver’s Travels*

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**Author & Writing background**

Jonathan Swift, the Author of *Gulliver’s Travels*, was born in Dublin, Ireland. He was a satirist and political commentator in the 18th century.

In the early 18th century, Jonathan Swift served as the Public Relations Officer of the Tories, but when the Whig Party came to power, lots of Tory Party members were punished.

The book shows us a satirical view of the state of European governments, religion and the corruption of the British government.

**Character analysis**

**Gulliver**, Gulliver is the main character of the story; he is a traveler who sails to many strange lands. During his travels, he finds the depravation of the British society. From the story in Lilliput we can know that he is also a righteous man (He helped Lilliput to against the invasion of Blefuscu, but flatly refused to serve for the aggressive policy of the King of Lilliput.). And I think his view stands for author’s points of view.

**King of the Lilliput**, the king is a stingy, vanity, ruthless man. And I think He is the epitome of British society in 18th century.

**King of the Brobdingnag**, he is a sensible, enlightened men. He hates despicable politicians and the bloody war which Gulliver has told him.

**Houyhnhnms**, Houyhnhnms are friendly, honest. They hate the world of darkness (the real society in 18th century). They are the epitome of ideal human, and where the live is the epitome of the ideal society.

**Plot analysis & comment**

Gulliver is a traveler who sails to many strange lands. After a shipwreck, he lands on Lilliput, where the Lilliputians (tiny people) live. The society in Lilliput is very like the society in 18th’s England, there are many people who are treacherous, ruthless. Just like the king and Skyresh…

After the travel to Lilliput, he visits a land of giants, Brobdingnag. He is kept in little box, and he tells what the British society like to the king of Brobdingnag, the king can’t understand very much what Gulliver tells, because the society Gulliver told
is too dark for the king to understand.

Then Gulliver visits Laputa, a flying island. In the College for Inventors, there are many inventors, but they invent the things that aren’t useful at all, and the author use this to criticize the ridiculous inventors in England. After Glubbdubdrib and Luggnagg, Gulliver spends fifteen days on voyage to Japan, then he went back to England.

On his forth adventure, he visit Houyhnhnms, where dignified horses live. Houyhnhnms shows a great ideal society, it quite like Utopia. Houyhnhnms is different from other lands Gulliver has visited, has a great difference from the Great Britain. Houyhnhnms make him rethink his feelings towards humans.

Eventually, Gulliver retunes to home, because of influence of the live in Houyhnhnms, he spend most of his time with his horses.

In this book, the author depicts a fantasy world to us, form the Lilliput, we can feel the life in 18th century’s Britain. The endless wars and politicians never thought about people live. From the story in Brobdingnag, author He criticized the parliamentary system, electoral system, religious policy in Great Britain. In the 3rd part of the story, the main character irony British philosophers, scientists and inventors. In the 4th part, the society of the Houyhnhnms shows an ideal world, and this is the great society that author and people all over the world look forward to.
Gulliver’s Travels is a fantasy novel by Irish writer and clergyman Jonathan Swift, which is Swift’s best known full-length work, and it has never been out of print since its publication.

The story happened between the end of 17th century and the early of 18th century. The leading character Lemuel Gulliver, is a surgeon who keen on adventures on the sea and travels in Lilliput – an island inhabited by tiny people, Brobdingnag – an island of giants, Laputa – an flying island under high-handed rules and Houyhnhnms, which’s ruled by wise horses and humans there are the savage.

The book insinuates the corrupt politics in Europe and the royal society of Britain. But what impressed me a lot is the underhanded yahoos that symbolizes human.

In the real world, we’re honored as the spirit of all creatures. However, we’re nothing but a senior animal without culture and morals. But there’re always the bad who lack social ethics, such as the kindergarten teacher in Zhejiang who was recently found to abuse the kids to vent her feelings. In the past few years, the news about bad behaviors made me heart-broken constantly. I regard those who never think for others and satisfy themselves via any possible means as yahoos in the Houyhnhnms. And actually they are!!!

It’s time for redemption of humanity now or we’ll live in a living hell full of yahoos.
Theme Report for *Gulliver’s Travels*

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This book is full of imagination and has fascinating plots. I am really interested in the fun story. The writer, Jonathan Swift, wants to express something in addition to fun.

The story is about a courageous surgeon, Lemuel Gulliver, who serves on boats. He travels to Lilliput, Brobdingnag, Laputa and Houyhnhnms. He meets many people that are strange and much more different from us, such as people much smaller or bigger, lopsided and smart. He even experiences what it is like when horses rule humans.

I can’t help feeling a strong sarcastic tone in Swift’s story. I suppose the writer is not satisfied with the ruler in reality, which can be found in his dissatisfaction with kings in Lilliput and Brobdingnag. Also, he thinks humans are vicious just like ‘Yahoos’. They tell lies, use cruel weapons and always fight for just a tiny piece of land. Instead, he prefers leading a life like ‘Houyhnhnms’. Even after back to England, he enjoys talking to normal horses. Swift expresses his wishes of living in peace and calm by writing this book.

From my point of view, I agree with the writer’s idea partly. Humans can be cruel sometimes. Countries can chase for their own benefits regardless of peace which relates to the whole world. Every time when I see children in Iraq or other places who don’t have enough food to eat because of conflicts, I can’t help hoping the earth to be a more peaceful place where everyone can live equally together. However, everything has its two sides. On the other hand, if there were really no comparison or argument between countries, our society couldn’t develop so rapidly.

*Gulliver’s Travels* is a fun and thoughtful book. It’s beneficial for us to think about something behind the simple words.
Theme Report for *Gulliver’s Travels*

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The book Gulliver’s Travels was written in 18th century, in which the writer Jonathan Swift described a series of artificial adventures of Gulliver to reflect facades of British empire and also human natures, criticizing policies and the situation of the society in Britain.

The stories were about the amazing adventures of Gulliver, a sailor who survived after a shipwreck. He went through the Lilliput, the kingdom of Brobdingnag, the flying island of Laputa, Lagardo, Glubbdubdrib and the land of Houyhnhnms during his journey.

In Lilliput, the Lilliputians settled wars with the Blefuscans just for the matter of how to open an egg. After Gulliver helped Lilliput win the battle, the king of Lilliput ordered Gulliver to steal all the boats of Blefuscu so that he could rule Blefuscans, I think this simply reflects the conflicts between the Tory and the Whig in Britain for the right to rule Britain(they used to argue and fight with each other on very small matters), also showing the greediness of human. Once Gulliver saved the queen from fire, the queen blamed him instead of showing grateful, and after Gulliver won the war, the council even wanted to sentence him to death because he was framed by Skyresh, accusing him of betraying the Lilliput. things above stands for the arrogance and jealousness among the companies. Upset and broken hearted, Gulliver left Lilliput eventually.

Gulliver’s second destiny was Brobdingnag, he talked with the king there and he told the king about the human world, after his description the king was astonished, he thought the human history was “filled with murders, plots and rebellions”. He couldn’t understand the policies and laws of human and he even described human as “the nastiest collection of horrible creatures that ever crawled upon the face of the earth”. This directly expressed nearly all of the worse characters of human, including crucial, greedy and so on. He was caught by a eagle on the beach during a vacation and was dropped into the sea, later he was rescued by people.
His third stop was Laputa, the floating island. People there was clever but they were always thinking hard and never hear what others say. This showed the arrogance and selfish of people. There was a paragraph talking about how Laputa control the people below, actually criticizing the brutal rule English did on Irish. After Gulliver left Laputa, he visited the “college for inventors”. People there do various kinds of ridiculous researches, results in great famine over the country. The writer used the description to satirize the scientists who do pointless researches. In the description of Glubbdubdrib, the writer criticized the nonsense of the rule made by the king and the hilarious statements given by the “celebrity ghosts”.

Finally Gulliver arrived in the Houyhnhnms, a place ruled by horses. The writer described the horses as wise, friendly and lenient creatures, which is the kind of characters human should aquire according to the writer. In the contrary, the “yahoos” just stands for the human in current situation, which is vicious, uncivilized and cruel. The writer compared the horses with yahoos, emphasized the value of being lenient and wise.

Generally speaking, Jonathan Swift set up a character, Gulliver, who was clever, brave and kind successfully. At the same time the writer strongly showed the shadow side of the empire and human natures.
Theme Report for *Gulliver’s Travels*

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Gulliver is a person living in England who loves going to sea to have great excitement, and he has really achieved it. He set sail four times from 1699 to 1715 and went to four different countries that were not known by others people.

In first country, Lilliput, Gulliver saw lots of people who were only as long as his foot. They tied Gulliver and took him to the palace of the king. Then Gulliver helped them win in a war, but the king and his council wanted to kill him because of jealous and fear. So Gulliver left away and went home.

After that, Gulliver got to Brobdingnag, a country that people there are much taller than he. He was found and visited as a toy, then he entranced the kingdom of Brobdingnag. But he had a bad time there, many people and animals can hurt him. One day, he was taken away by an eagle and left there.

Then, Gulliver went to the third country, Laputa, a flying place. People in this country were so clever that they never heard anything anyone said unless someone hit them on the ear to remind them to listen. And they always invented things useless.

At last, Gulliver arrived to the land of Houyhnhnms. There, houses were the owner of the land and they were very clever and honest. In Gulliver’s mind, they were the best friends who were different from any people. He thinks the Houyhnhnms were wise and kind and strong, and the longer he lived with them the more he respected them and their ways.

Gulliver finished his travel and got home on 5th December 1715, and he can never forget the friends named Houyhnhnms.
Gulliver's Travels is a book about a person named Gulliver, who worked on a ship. The ship didn’t be murdered, but one day, unfortunately, they were murdered in the land of Lilliput. The people of Lilliput were so short that Gulliver looked quite big. He began to get along them. Such as played, danced or learned their language with stranded them. In Lilliput, he met a lot of things.

Finished the travel in Lilliput, he sat the sail again. But he ran aground in a land named Brobdingnag. Amazingly, the king of there wasn’t ordinary either; he was much bigger than Gulliver. In order to live, Gulliver must enjoy the king and the queen. He showed his talent in music seafaring for the king and the queen, they were very happy for his talent. He left Brobdingnag soon.

Afterwards, he arrived in another land, in there, people was seem like faraway from this world. Gulliver helped them solve some problems.

The fourth travel was in the land of the Houyhnhnms. The master of there is horse. In that world, there were no avaricious, no deceive, no war and filled with kindness and warmth. They breeder a monster named “Yahoo”. The leader was hate people so much, so Gulliver was banished by the leader.

In the sequels, he was saved by a businessman.

I like the land of the Houyhnhnms best, I hope one day, the world will be more peaceful, nicer, pure and without all kinds of ugly.
Theme Report for *Gulliver’s Travels*

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Gulliver’s Travels is a travel note of a man called Gulliver. He is a traveler who has been to many strange places.

He has been to a land of Lilliput after a shipwreck. Lilliput is an island which is control by tiny people. On the island, Gulliver looks like a giant. Later Gulliver went to another island called Brobdingnag. All of the people in Brobdingnag are giants, so Gulliver is a tiny man there. He also went to an island which is full of eggheads.

Both Lilliput and Brobdingnag make me very interested, but to me the deepest impression is the island of Houyhnhnm. Houyhnhnm is not only the name of an island but also the name of an animal which looks like a house. The Houyhnhnm is kind and honest. Their language don’t have words like ‘lie’ and ‘deceit’ They also don’t know what is ‘suspect’, what is the ‘distrust’.. To be different form Houyhnhnm, there is another kind of animals called Yahoo, which is dirty and disgusting. In the book, Yahoo’s appearance is described as human. Houyhnhnm is an ideal country, the all are real.

Houyhnhnm is a country which is full of happiness and merriness. I wish I can go to Houyhnhnm one day.
Theme Report for *Gulliver’s Travels*

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I have read this book when I was still in primary school and at that time I couldn’t understand the correct meaning of this book. And when I finished reading the book *Gulliver’s travels* this time, I discovered that there’re lots of things that the author wanted to tell us: the weakness of the human nature.

Gulliver traveled lots of times and he always visited the strangest and the most interesting places by accident. He went to Liliput, and peoples here were so tiny that maybe Gulliver would treat on them. Then he went to Brobdingnag where big giants lived here. When he escaped from there he visited the Laputa and met many peculiar men. At last he found a place called Houyhnhnms and horses were the citizens, and horses got most of the nice characters into their heart, in which he was really impressed by the equality and kindness.

Much bad human character appeared in Gulliver’s trip. Maybe he didn’t recognize the dark side of all the human around him, so that he could find horses’ valuable kindness and their rational quality in Houyhnhnms. And also Gulliver thought that the wars between Liliput and Blefuscu were not necessary at all. The island Laputans can not get a peaceful live because of their odd silly scientists. All the scientists were think about boring and useless research that nobody cared about the citizens. The special satire to the society expressed the author’s attitude that is the disgust of the awful world.

That book could particularly show the social’s sickness. Everywhere is full of fights and greed; laws in England seem like the fairest but actually it shows their cruel heart. We could think about human’s greed and the strong desire of money. That book makes me think a lot about the human nature.
Gulliver’s journey was amazing and magic. The first country was Lilliput. People of Lilliput were about half as long as his foot. I found Gulliver was very kind for he helped Lilliput defeat Blefuscu. But unfortunately, he was mistaken by the king; the king thought that he is a betrayer. So he had to leave Lilliput and move to another place. Then he arrived in Brobdingnag and met huge people. And they were so interested in Gulliver that the king brought him into the palace. Life in the palace for him was difficult. For he was too small, he usually suffered the small animals, such as the mouse and the monkey and wasps. He was always helpless because he had to struggle by himself when nobody around him.

His voyage finally brought him into contact with the Yahoos- a brutish race of subhuman and an intelligent race of horse, the Houyhnhnms. Gulliver fell in love with this bright world and didn’t want to leave. But the leader kept an attitude of exclusion. So he had to left. When he went back home, he had been used to the good quality in Houyhnhnms, so he horse and lived with them everyday.

This story was a scratching satire on the society in Britain. And it moved me for Gulliver’s spirit. He was always looking forward to the bright world. Although at last, his dream was not able to come true, he also lived with two horses.
Gulliver’s Travels was written by Jonathan Swift. This story is mainly about a
strange adventure of Gulliver, of course, this story is not true.

Gulliver is a man who dreamed of going to sea. He is a sailor. But unfortunately,
he met a great storm that blew him onto a rock and split their ship into pieces. So he
arrived at a strange country. The people in the country were really small. Gulliver
helped the king fight with another small man country. And then he went back home.

But Gulliver liked sailing so much that he went sailing again and again though he
was in dangerous each time. He went to Brobdingnag where the people were very tall
and strong. He went to the floating island ,called Laputa. People there were cold. At
last he went to the land of the Houyhnhnms. There, he met the horse that were gentle
and wise. He enjoyed living with the horses. But he had to leave. Finally , he arrived
home. But in his mind , his family and the people in his country were so much like
Yahoos, the rude and foolish animals. So he spent lots of time in his stables, taking to
horses.

This is a story which was written for politics. The writer satirized of the fighting
between the tories and the wing in England by describing the fighting between Liliput
and Blesfuscu. He satirized of the scientist in England by writing the story of Laputa.
At last, he praised the wisdom kindness and friendship by the story of Houyhnhnms.

This is a great story and it’s a satirical novel. I’ll recommend it to others. The
merits of the story is that it satirized of same thing skillfully. I like it.
Theme Report for Gulliver’s Travels

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Gulliver’s Travels was written by one of the most famous writers Jonathan swift, which was high popularity with both adults and children around the world. The novel described the experiment of Gulliver’s sailing adventures.

Gulliver loved sailing but he was lost in the sea this time during his journey. At the first time, he arrived the Lilliput where the people were not over six inches high. He was so huge here, but the people in the country were full of greedy. Gulliver was nearly stabbed his eyes. In the second time, he entered Brobdingnag, where people were incredibly sixty feet tall. So he became the handheld plaything in the local people which made he adventured many funny and ridiculous things in there. he came to the Laputa, which is a flying island. It is moved by a simple machine, using a magnet. People in here main spent so much time thinking about strange problems that they did not notice what was happening around them.

I like the adventure of the last country——Houyhnhnm best, Houyhnhnm is a land where the “people” looks like our horses. Gulliver made a friend with the houyhnhnm, who has the kindness, honesty and friendship. In the country, there were no fakes, and no lies. Everyone here lived peacefully. Gulliver enjoyed a good time in the Houyhnhnm, he had a good time in the happy life. But he must leave the country because he looked like the Yahoos which were unwelcomed. Finally, when Gulliver went back his home, he did not allow his family members to come near him, because he was disgusted with the human beings, which was same as the Yahoos. Unfortunately, he became mad, he spent a lot of time in his stables, talked with the “Houyhnhnm”. Actually, they were normal horses.

I think the end of the story is flooded with sadness, Gulliver lost himse If after the adventure in Houyhnhnm. But I think it was not Gulliver faults, we should think about why Gulliver will lose control. I think it all because of the nice life in Houyhnhnm. By comparison Lilliput, Brobdingnag, Laputa are worse, they all full of weak point. Lilliput, Brobdingnag, Laputa must be a symbol of the United Kingdom, the writer don’t like the society in that time, he hope the society should be like in Houyhnhnm. That’s my felling about this book.

And I truly hope that the world will become more and more peaceful, just like the Houyhnhnm, keep away from war, lies, darkness, full of hope, love and brightness, becoming a wonderful fairy tale.
Title of the book: Gulliver’s Travels, published in 1726
Type: novel
Basic information of author:     name: Jonathan Swift
                                Birth: November 30, 1667
                                Nationality: British

Writing background:

British political situation changes more times at that time, The Glorious Revolution, was the end of Stuart. But the strong Feudal forces could not been clean up, the capitalist class had to set up the Constitutional monarchy. Whigs and Tories could not be harmonious, the society was very corrupt.

The main content of the book:
Part 1: A Voyage to Lilliput

Of all the ship’s crew he alone survived. He swam to the shore of a strange land, inhabited by Lilliputians, the tallest of who is six inches high. After giving assurances of his good behaviors, Gulliver was given a residence in Lilliput and became a favorite of the court. In the court, Gulliver saw many absurd matters. Then Gulliver helped the Lilliputians to subdue their neighbors the Blefuscudians by stealing their warships. And he also helped put out the fire to save the palace. Unfortunately, Skyresh wanted to kill him so Gulliver swam over to Blefuscu and left soon.

Part 2: A Voyage to Brobdingnag

After a great storm, Gulliver and some sailors went in to land for searching for fresh water. But he was abandoned by his friends and was found by a farmer who was 72 feet tall. In farmer’s house, Gulliver fought rats with his sword and he learned to speak language there. Soon the farmer took him to the market for money. Later the queen wanted to buy him, and since then he got good care of others and stayed with the king. One day, an eagle stole the box with Gulliver in and dropped the box into the sea. But luckily a group of sailors saved him and took him back to England.

Part 3: A Voyage to Laputa, Largado, Glubbdubdrib, Luggnagg, Japan

After a few days at home, Gulliver decided to sail again, and he faced the great difficulty third time. This time he was dumped in a canoe by the pirates. A few days later he got on a floating island named Laputa, the people there were very “smart” that they thought all the time. Then Gulliver traveled to Largado, there were a lot people
who were busy inventing. After staying at Largado, Gulliver went to Glubbdubdrib where were full of ghosts. He also went to Luggnagg and Japan, and then he went home.

Part 4: A Voyage to the land of the Houyhnhnms

Gulliver became the captain of the ship but his mates held him prisoner in his cabin and left him on a beach. After he met a horse, he knew that he was in a land named Houyhnhnms, which’s rulers were these horses named Houyhnhnms. By staying with his master, he knew that the humans like him were called Yahoo, and he found that Houyhnhnms all had lofty characters. But at last Gulliver’s master let him leave the Houyhnhnms because of some reasons. Then he decided to live alone and he went to New Holland, but the humans there chased him. So he kept sailing, and a group of sailors found him, took him to Lisbon.

In the end, he came back to England and lived with his family, but he hated the humans or Yahoos because their bad characters, so he stayed with his horses everyday, talking to them.

The review of the book

In the Gulliver’s Travels, there are full of absurd matters. In Lilliput, the prince wore strange shoes that one is high heel and one is low. A war between Lilliput and Blefuscu because Lilliputians open the boiled eggs at the Little End and Blefuscudians open the boiled eggs at the Big End. How ridiculous they are! The author satirized the public in British at the moment.

In Laputa and Largado, people there were all crazy, they were busy thinking and inventing but they made the mistakes all the time. These “smart” people are like the scientists who are armchair in reality, which means the only one thing they can do is saying.

In the land of the Houyhnhnms, there were no lie and no cheat. It was a place that everyone yearns for. So at last Gulliver became cynical, and he preferred staying with his horses to living with his family. It was a funny ending but I think the author not only told us a fantastic story but also wanted us to think about the human nature. Is it bright or dark?
Theme report of

Black Beauty

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Theme Report for Black Beauty

The book Black Beauty which was written by Anna Sewell was mainly about a life story of a gorgeous horse. Black Beauty enjoyed its early life as a pony in the meadow, with the increase of age, as it was able to carry a person, it was sold to Squire Goden. And it lost the freedom which it had earlier. Fortunately, it met two friends: Merrylegs and Ginger. However, after a fire, Black Beauty’s poor friend Ginger was coughing so badly that it can no longer speak. When the squire's wife was very ill, although it was tired, it still brought the doctor back, saved its master’s wife, which made itself badly ill. Then it was sold to W who lived at Earlshall Park. And its work was to take Lady W out in the carriage. Black beauty was very uncomfortable. After this, as a brave horse, Black beauty helped save Lady Anne’s life. One day, when its carriage and many other people waiting outside in a park playing music, the old carriage drove up beside it. And this is ginger that died after that. Then Black beauty’s life got so many changes. Once, when Black beauty had very heavy things to load, its foot slipped, it fell heavily, almost dead. At last Black beauty was bought by two kind sisters and was never sold again.

After reading this book, we can see human’s personalities from its both good and bad experiences. The author appealed to the readers to love animals and treat them as our friends. I think people shouldn’t regard animals as machines. They have feelings too. As we all know, animals can not be absent from our daily life. They make our life happier. There is no doubt that we should look them as friends in return. With the author’s describe, The Black Beauty had human’s feelings, He could think. Sometimes he was more tactful than human beings. So I totally understand what the writer intends to tell us: Horses are our friends, they also have their feelings, we should be kind to them.
"Home" is a word different from "house". "Home" is our warm belonging, which provided us with the feeling of safety and happiness. But to the opposite, "house" is just a place to eat and sleep without the sense of belonging and happiness. The main character of this book — our Black Beauty spent her own life, by pulling through endless hardship, finally, found his home, his lovely sweet home.

Black Beauty really had a marvelously life. He had the best time with his friends James, Joe and Ginger, and this period of time was the treasure in his heart. From here, Black Beauty learnt how to trust human. Thanks for James and Joe’s kindness, without their kindness, Black Beauty would never get the commendable faith and adamancy against the difficulties with a real virtuous soul. Those kind people treated Black Beauty as a friends, not a lifeless working machine. But unfortunately, many people seems disagree to this idea, they were cruel to others. The only things they knew and needed was the stink of money. Saw the end of Ginger, the extremely poor house, who finally dead in the hopeless of people’s brutalities and burdensome work. However, maybe it was cruel to say, but Ginger wouldn’t be the first horse died like that, he was also not the last one. After grieving over the tragedy of Ginger’s death, Black Beauty has met several good owners, such as Jerry Barker and his family.

From Jerry’s experience we can know that not only horses were treated unfairly, but also the poor people. With their foolish and impenetrable superoity complex, the riches just thought of themselves, and enslaved others in the nature of thing. I thought when Black Beauty was too tired to work, the little rich girl’s word must be like an angle’s world which—saved his life and his heart. The later life with Joe, Ellen and Lavinla must be one of the best pieces of memory for Black Beauty. There is no doubt that their kindness and the power of time could cure the bleeding injuries in Black Beauty’s heart.

At last, thanks for gods, Black Beauty was back home, the Sweet Home surrounding with love and warmness. He came from here, finally went back here, that really fits the old saying “Falling leaves settle on their roots.” I hope Black Beauty would enjoy his rest of life in his home--his only belongings, without any sense of insecurity and agony, forever.
Black beauty was a lucky pony, who enjoyed its freedom in the meadow where it was born. But when black beauty grows up, he was sold to others, for he was able to carry a person. That was not only the breaking point of black beauty’s life, it also means that black beauty’s losing of freedom. Fortunately, this time he’s owners are very kind: Merrylegs. They treated black beauty as if he was a real friend, instead of just a pony. Everything was OK until one rainy day, black beauty’s master’s wife was ill, by running in the rain with the sick woman on his back, Black beauty successfully saved her life, in the price of getting sick himself. A sick horse was not worth to keep, so not long after that day, black beauty was sold again.

This time, black beauty became a riding horse, so he had to put on the saddle and reins. The only thing he had to do is carrying Lady W out. During the boring days he did something brave: he saved Lady Anne’s life. Then one day, out of the colorless life, the tragedy happened: when his carriage and other horses are waiting outside a park playing music, the old carriage drove up beside him. And it was Ginger who died after that. It was the beginning of another miserable life, he was once a carrying horse, loading heavy things take up all of his time. Sometimes if he was not careful enough, he would be in great danger. Finally, the right master find him, the two sisters are very kind, and they like black beauty so much. Form then on, black beauty was never sold again.
Theme Report for Black Beauty

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From where I stand what Black Beauty convinces are both a kind of relationship between animals and human, and the growth of a young horse in Britain.

Black Beauty is the autography of a horse, the ‘black beauty’ of the title, who narrates his own story. As various owners ask black beauty to do different task, he grows and has a lot of adventure. Eventually he finally finds happiness in a secure home. Through it all he finds strength and keeps a good temper despite is suffer.

The novel speaks out the real situation of horses living in England. In that time period, the riches thought that their horses were treated well because they never stepped into the stable. In order to call people’s attention to horses’ hard life, the author tells the story through the first-person narrative voice of a horse so that Readers heard the stories straight from the horse’s mouth. It was a real success. People were shocked by the truth proclaimed by the novel and changed their attitudes towards animals.

Black Beauty was frequently sold from one family to another. Over the years Beauty enjoyed good masters but also endured mean ones. In the end, everything turns out all right in a story that is so tender and yet meaningful. His story was so vivid that has caught my heart. The novel brought people laughter and tears and also enlightened them to understand animals at the same time.

The author wants to tell us the importance of comprehension. Once, for example, Beauty was drawing the carriage to a bridge. The bridge was flooded out in the river and John was not aware that it was cracked. But they quickly realized that something was wrong because of Beauty’s abnormal behavior. All at once, a man shouted to them to make them stop. Beauty had saved John. However, if John had not tried to understand what Beauty wanted to tell him, there would have been an accident. I learnt from the story that comprehension is not only essential to others but also beneficial to us ourselves.

In order to emphasize the animal rights, the writer created Ginger as a negative role. Ginger was a close friend of Beauty who lived a much more miserable life than Beauty did. Once she told Beauty: “When I was trained, several men caught me in a corner of the field and one held my nose so hard that I could only just breathe. Then others pulled my mouth open to put the bit in, and I was pulled along and beaten from behind. They didn’t give me a chance to understand what they wanted.” It is one of the specific conflicts in the passage. Poor Ginger really need loves and understands. She was so frightened that she bit or kicked to defend any possible attacks. The more she was whipped the more she bit, the more she bit the more she was whipped. In this way, both animals and humans were trapped in a terrible cycle. Therefore, humans were frequently hurt by frightened horses. The author thus portrayed Ginger to tell me that harming animals may also harm us.

It is easy to find more examples of violent things humans do to animals. This part of the novel expanded people’s scope and expanded the defense for animal rights and that made the novel more successful.
Theme Report for Black Beauty

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As we all know, Black Beauty is a wonderful horse who enthralled my eyebrow. He reminds me of the fascinating life I spent in Xinjiang and Inner Mongolia. When I was a little girl, I often rented a black horse from the farm next to our home. I played with him and altogether we spent a lot of time on the grassland at the piedmont of the Snow Mountain. Anyway, they were glorious memories in my life.

Back to Black Beauty, what on earth make the horse so gentle and tolerantly? In my opinion, it depends on two elements- self-character, excellent training from his early owners. And both are important. It's his own character that he has rich responsibilities and sympathies to both people and horses. However, his shiniest character is his belief of hope in the hard times which may lead most horses to despair, and that is what I always admire through life. As to the excellent training from his early owners, I think Anna Sewell did a good job of showing the trainees how to treat a horse in the right way. Indeed, horses are our tools, but they’re creatures of nature as well. They also have their own emotion. As far as I’m concern, horses should be treated equally as a part of our family. So, if you can call a dog as ’son’ or ‘daughter’, why can’t a horse gain your same attention? Well, that’s what Anna Sewell thought. And so did I.
The book seems like tell us a story of a horse’s unusual life, its host had been changed many times, it experienced all kinds of grooms, became a lame horse because of an alcoholic. Its life is not easy, but from its sight, we can see different people and different side show in people’s character.

Frankly speaking, I don’t think this book totally wants to tell us a story of horse, but a reflection of our society. How some people live with kind-hearted, how some people earn their living by work hard but still take a good care of the animal, and also how some people live just for money. Black Beauty’s mother was a good mother. She taught her son how to be polite and keep manners whenever he was. It’s important not only for a horse but also everyone. A good manner can make a good first impression for everyone you met. It can express your good education, if you do what you want even when you’re relaxing, others may think you’re not well educated or well behaved. And his mom asked him to work cheerfully, it seems an unjustifiable requirement, but it’s a basic to live a happy life, whatever you do, if you love your job, you’ll enjoy your life.

As for his friend Ginger, I just like to say it’s a result of humans cruel. First, Ginger was a beautiful chestnut horse, She was strong and healthy. When she came to Earlshall Park, she refused to wear the bearing-rein and kicked the coachman and won the chance of not wearing that thing. And she choose to be a riding horse instead of hold carriage, but during that time, she got aches and hurts on her body. She has been sold many times, and each owner just uses her as a machine to earn money and never thought about her health and future. It’s unfair to her as if her life was born to work until death. Every creature has its right to live in this earth. None of them is a kind of machine which can use to make money by human. We should cooperate with them to make our life easier and it’s our duty to take good care of them if we use them.

As for him, Black Beauty, he was an eyewitness of all kinds of cruel things people do to animal and a tragedy destiny animals have for making money. Although he was lucky enough to find a good owner after many bad experiences, but his thought of working hard and trying to work cheerfully during the hard time is a reason of living a good life then.

I really appreciate the good manners and strong willing black beauty has, but still feel sad for the cruel things people do. I hope we can treat animal well in the future.
Theme Report for Black Beauty

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The leading character of this novel is "black beauty", a dark horse with pure blood relationships. When it was young, it lived on a green meadow with pond of rushes and water lilies. Its life there was carefree and it can do anything he want until one day, its brother, a horse which broke its leg, was killed by some people. That was its first time to see the brutality of humans.

When it got older, it started to get trained. Although it was sold to work, it still received a good training, the training to become a road horse. Black Beauty is gentle, kind, and intelligent, witty, which can save its master in dangers. But its lucky life came along with dangers: due to the negligence of the farmer son, Black Beauty caught a serious illness and encountered fire when it was out on mission. Thanks to the blessings from the God, it was rescued by the farmer in the last minute.

Life soon turned to a totally different side to Black Beauty. Its owners got into troubles and had to moved abroad so it had to be sold. Since then it started a tortured life, for it had been sold many times.

Once it was sold to noble’s house. Countess there is a swinger. She asked the horse to use short reins, and the horse’s head was forced to lift up high. It was hard to bear. Maybe she knew short reins could make the horse pain, shortening the life of the horse, but she didn’t care about that. As long as it was fashionable, it would be ok to show off the creatures in front of your friends, no matter the life of the horse! That was how the countess thought. Through this cruel rule, Black Beauty had pass its prime of life. And then it was sold to a drunk, and later was sold to a driver and so on. None of them treated it well. It also met with a variety of people, tasting the sweets and bitters of life.

Finally, in a deal, when the farmer son saw the black horse, he bought it without thinking about it. He took good cares of it and it spent its rest of life with him.
Assignment 1

Q1 Do you like Black Beauty’s mother? Why?

My answer: Yes. I think Black Beauty’s mother is a great mother. She known that her son would pull carriages for men in the future and the future couldn’t be changed. So she taught her son good manners in order to be a perfect horse in the future. And that would make her son’s life better. She cared his future a lot and from this detail we can see she loved Black Beauty in her own way.

Q2 How do you understand “Be gentle, work cheerfully and never kick or bite, even when you are playing”?

My answer: This words make me remember once have said that ‘Great habit start form the usual’ Black Beauty’s mother is a wise mother. It was hard for Black Beauty to understand how to be good mannered. So she told him what behavior wasn’t good in his normal life. Following his mother’s suggestion, Black Beauty would be a good mannered horse imperceptibly.

Q3 If you were Black Beauty, would you take “Be gentle, work cheerfully and never kick or bite, even when you are playing.” as a motto? Why?

My answer: Maybe. I trust my mother all the time, especially when I was still a little boy. Because of her wisdom and her love, I believe in her. It was absolutely that Black Beauty’s mother loved him a lot and very wise. So I probably trust her as I trust my mother.

Q4 How do you feel about Black Beauty based on his experience? Why?

My answer: He was a fortunate horse because he was always being saved by good men when he suffered from cruel owners. I’d like to compared Black Beauty with White Fang. I personally think that White Fang’s life was much bitterer than Black Beauty’s. And White Fang was much firmer than Black Beauty.
Q5 Do you think Black Beauty had done as Mother taught him?

Why?

My answer: Of course. We can’t tell whether Black Beauty have bite or kick through the article. But he was really good mannered and always obeyed human’s command even when they taped and yelled at him.

Q6 What should we learn from Black Beauty?

My answer: Be good mannered and struggle life. Keep finding happiness even in the hard times.

Q7 If you were Black Beauty, how would you behave during those hard times? Why?

My answer: I would adhere to the teeth and wait for the day which could change my life. Because my mom have always told me not to commit suicide and forgive hope even in the darkest time. And I firmly believed that I wouldn’t suffer forever, change point will finally appear.
Theme Report for Black Beauty

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It’s no doubt that Black Beauty’s unusual life journey is an inspiration to millions. It does endure agony in despair but eventually comes to its dreamt home.

You can never know what’s happening at the next second since life may turn upside down for the worse. Black Beauty lives at Birtwick Park happily until its owners go abroad to cure and since then it comes to its rough time when its head tortured by the bearing-rein. What’s worse is that he’s made to be a London cab horse later leading a life like a slave who will be worked to death. But life may not be as terrible as it seems and hope is always around us as long as we don’t give up. In the last end, Black Beauty finds happiness in a secure home and spends its old age in comfort.

Now that to live is to pass through ups and downs, why not consider rough times as the inevitable before blessings knock on your door? Though none of us would rather suffer terribly, but how can we experience the wild joy without pains?

But it’s true that some agony can scar you forever. Maybe when Black Beauty bath in mild breeze and sunlight with Joe stroking its coat, its heart is still bleeding as long as the cruelty and ignorance of human arise in his mind.
Theme Report for Black Beauty

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Author & About the Book

Anna Sewell (1820 - 1878), was born in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, England into a devoutly Quaker family. Sewell's only published work was Black Beauty, written during 1871 to 1877, after she had moved to Old Catton, a village outside the city of Norwich in Norfolk.

After Black Beauty published, it became a forerunner to the books about the house of children's literature. With fifty million copies sold, Black Beauty, written by Anna Sewell, is one of the best-selling books of all time.

Main characters analysis

Black Beauty, the narrator of this book, Black Beauty is also called as Black Auster, Jack, Old Crony by different owners. He passes through the hands of a series of owners, some cruel, some kind. He always tries his best to serve humans despite the circumstances.

Ginger, is one of the best friends of Beauty, and is also an unlucky horse that has a different life with Black Beauty. After being ridden by Lord George in a steeplechase her back is strained. Beauty meets Ginger for the last time as broken-down cab horses in London.

Captain, is a former army horse who witnessed horrific incidents in the Crimean War, although he was well treated and received no serious wounds. Finally, He became a cab horse for Jerry, where he works with Black Beauty.

Squire Gordon, is a very kind and loving master who is also the squire, lives in Birtwick Park. He has to sell Beauty when he leaves the country because of his wife's illness.

John, Black Beauty's groom at Squire Gordon's hall, is also a kind person who really cares of Black Beauty.

Joe, is a kind boy who replaces James at Squire Gordon's hall. Beauty becomes seriously ill after Joe assumes Beauty does not need a blanket after a long, exhausting gallop. At the end of the story, he meets Black Beauty again.

Jerry, is a kind owner and religious man who uses Beauty and Captain as cab horses. But when Jerry's doctor tells him he must not return to cab work, Jerry takes a job with Mrs. Fowler as her coachman, and has to sell Black Beauty.
Nicholas Skinner, a ruthless cab horse owner who charges a high fee for renting cab horses.

Plot analysis & comment

*Black Beauty* is quite different from other books or novels; the narrator of the book is a horse, and uses horse's perspective to portray the society. The book is also considered as an *autobiography* of a horse. Black Beauty, beginning with his carefree days as a colt on an English farm with his mother, being well treated by some kind men, to his difficult life pulling cabs in London, and finally to his retirement in the country happily.

From each chapter tells an incident in Black Beauty's life containing a lesson or moral typically related to the kindness, sympathy, and understanding of horses. He has met all kinds of people. Some are good, some are wicked, and some are even cruel. The description of horses lending the novel a good deal of verisimilitude. And let us to think about how to treat animals—we shouldn’t disregard for the animals, and we ought to care of them, be kind to them.

What’s more, not only should we be kind to animals, but also we ought to treat people around us with kindness. Just like the horses, it’s also important for us to sincerely to treat everyone. It is believed that ‘*virtue is its own reward*’. While Black Beauty forthrightly teaching animal welfare, it also teaches how to treat people with kindness, sympathy, and respect. Eventually, let’s kind to all things of the world, and this is what we need the most.
Theme Report for Black Beauty

The Black Beauty is so named for his beautiful black coat. And in my opinion, this book is full of insight and thought-provoking lessons.

This book revolves around a good deal of a lifespan of a horse called "Black Beauty". His fortunes and misfortunes are mixed with lovely dialogues he has with other horses. We learn about their stories and what they have seen and heard.

The good and bad humans he finds himself made it a real story. It's not so much about him; it's all about human society and how it deals especially with animals and weak beings in general. His final rescue to seemingly safe and kind hands feels like a release from all pain and suffering. But as we have learned, humans promise a lot and often can't keep their promises due to reasons horses can't even start to understand.

And that's what it's all about. Beauty's perception of the world is that humans rule everything. His job is to obey. Even in his deepest despair, we see that he wouldn't even start to think of revolting against plain wrongdoing of humans. This becomes clearer when in the last chapters Beauty comes to the conclusion that humans are the strongest beings. We all know that a horse is physically stronger than a human, but Beauty is trapped in his moral. His mother's motto used to be: "Always do your best and don't start to complain."

So, as I think about these things, I realized that even today we tend to treat animals as things more than beings that got feelings. It’s very disappointing in human behavior that we tend to think about "number one". As a consequence we tread on weaker beings that don't complain in order to have it easier for ourselves.

All in all, from this novel I knew about the cruelty that was done and is being done by the people. It makes us to resist against this heartless society who makes money with the help of animals but never cares for them truly.
Theme Report for Black Beauty

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The life of author:

Anna Sewell(1820—1878):
Anna Sewell was born on 1820 in Norfolk, died in 1878. "Black Beauty" was the only book her wrote, and she was also famous for this book. After the publication of this book she died soon after. Since then the book has already sold over thirty million copies. She wrote this book because of the cruelty to animals, and she appealed people that people should treat animals well, especially treat horses well. She had a special kinship with the horse inborn. She was crippled with her leg when she was fourteen years old, so horses were very important travel tools to her, and in the book there was much equestrian knowledge. The main purpose that she wrote this book was aroused people's kindness, compassion, so that they knew how to treat the animal well.

The introduction of the book:
This book is a very popular book around the world. The book is mainly about a handsome black horse which name was “Black Beauty”. Black Beauty was a stallion that he was born in a noble family, and he was trained well. He saved his owner’s life many times so his owner liked him very much. The first four years of his life was very happy and free, this period of time was the happiest time in his life. But good times don’t last long, his owner’s family had events, and he was sold out. Then he began a life of wander, he was abused by many people. He had to do a lot of work, and he even couldn’t get enough food to eat. But he met a good owner, this owner treated him very well, but this owner was badly ill and he can’t ride a horse any more. This book has a happy ending, Black Beauty returned to his old family and lived a happy life.

My feeling:
This book has a deep meaning. The author not only cared for the horses, but also cared for people. The author was sympathizing with the people who lived in a miserable situation. The author showed some opinions of the relationship between the people and the animal, and I agree with her. This book through the animal’s point of view, told us a lot of moving story. I like this book very much.
The book is telling about a beautiful black horse’s happiness and sadness life. Black beauty was born in a noble family; his master was a very good man and trained him when he was still a little horse. So he was very smart, perusable and pretty. But unfortunately, a huge accident was happened in his master’s family, Black beauty had to be sold. Such as, he was bought by a drunken man; the man always vented his anger to Black beauty as soon as he was in drink. Black beauty was sold to another master soon. The unlucky life lasted a long time; he had not only met bad persons but also met good sorts. First Black beauty was bought by Gordon, a virtuous elder who treated the horse very kind. Then Count·W bought him, because of the Count·W, the horse started to hate the rein. Long times passed, Black beauty had a good end-result at last, and spent his later years peacefully.

From the horse, we can find a lot of character, like honest, credible, friendly, brave and so on. I was not relaxed when I finished reading the story, I can’t believe people in book were such crude. In my opinion, people always treat animals rudely, but animals are always loyal. So I want to tell some people, as the writer said,” animal-human nature, how we treat animals, how animals would treat us.”
Theme Report for Black Beauty

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"Black Beauty"’s author is Anna Sewell. Because of the great anger of ill-treat animals, she decided to write the book to propose us to be kind to the animals.

The story is about a horse names black beauty. He is a handsome horse with a life full of both happiness and sadness. He has been well trained, so he always tried to behave well. However, then he was sold from one owner to another, he began to realize how tragic his fate is.

When he was in childhood, his mother told him to be a good horse. At the age of 2, Black Beauty saw an accident of hunting for a hare, which caused the rider falling from the horse, dead. Later that horse was being killed. Then he was sent to Birtwick Park and named of Black Beauty by Mrs. Gordon. Birtwick Park became his first pleasant home for three years, where he grew strong and met many friends with different experiences. One of his friends was Ginger, who had a bad tempered because of a hard life with previous owners. And as a result, Ginger often bit others. Then, his unfortunate life has continued. He met many different people with different personality. But at last, He finally found his real home. He had been sold to Miss Ellen and Miss Lavinia, To Beauty’s surprise, he met Joe Green there. And then, Black Beauty began a happy life at his last home.

“Black Beauty is a heartbreaking story.” I thought when I read it. I think we should think about the reason of writer wrote this book. If animals can live with human peacefully, I think there were never be a novel to talk about the unfair story of animal. I really hope and I really trust that we can get on with them, and I believe that it is a nice world.
Theme Report for Black Beauty

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Black Beauty is a handsome horse with a soft black coat, one white foot and a pretty white star on its forehead. When Beauty was a black colt, he lived in a green meadow with a pond full of rushes and water lilies. Besides Beauty and his mother there were also other six colts lived there. His mother always told him, ‘Be gentle, work cheerfully and never kick or bite, even when you are playing.’

When Beauty was nearly two, he saw a hunt—some persons were hunting a hare. At last, as the cost of obtaining the hare, a man and a horse died, and this made Beauty surprised.

As Beauty got older, his master began to break him. At first, Beauty hated the bridle. But luckily his owner was a patient and kind man, so Beauty can learn to put up with it. In a stormy night, because of Beauty’s bravery and cleverness, he saved his owner from a broken wooden bridge.

At one night, a fire destroyed the house of his owner, so his owner could not support him. As a result of it, Beauty had to find out another owner. But his new owner was not as kind as his former owner, so he had to change his owner again and again. He suffered many difficulties and he met many horses with the same experience as him. Fortunately, Beauty found a kind owner in his later years.

Beauty got a good result at last, which made me very happy. But the hard experience of the horses in the book makes me very sad. I think at nowadays we should be kind to animals.
Theme report of

20,000 Leagues

Under the Sea

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The famous science-fiction novel 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea was written by Jules Verne, whose another famous work is Around the World in 80 Days. His works are always full of imagination and this book is no exception. As the title shows, it tells us an imaginary experience of travelling under the sea. Moreover, the title gravitates readers to the unexplored mysterious underwater world.

The story took place in 1867 when a sea monster appeared. The monster kept on sinking ships. That’s why Pierre Aronnax (“I”), Conseil and Ned had the chance to have a closer look at it. Aronnax was a naturalist, Conseil was his assistant and friend and Ned was an experienced and brave seaman. After setting out, they soon found that the monster wasn’t a sea creature. Instead, it was a huge submarine. They entered it by accident and met captain Nemo there.

The four main characters had different personalities and values. More than once, Conseil and Ned wanted to escape from the Nautilus while Aronnax preferred staying and do researches. Captain Nemo damaged and sank ships while the other three didn’t agree with them in the slightest. However, although they were different in many ways, they always helped each other. They worked as a team when facing danger for many times.

Professor Aronnax was the narrator of this story. He was a scientist, so he was eager to know and experience new things, even at a price of risking his life. Before they set out from New York, his friend Conseil was a bit worried and uncertain about the travel, Aronnax said to him “it will be a fantastic mission—even if it is going to be dangerous.” During the travel, Conseil and Ned noticed that Captain Nemo was a bit abnormal, so they wanted to escape at times, but was rejected by Aronnax. He said that he would die for science so he was reluctant to leave. That might be the spirit of science. Aronnax was a good scientist and researcher, but he was far from perfect. Sometimes he was a bit selfish. Every time his two friends suggested escaping, he just refused by giving the excuse of doing researches. He seldom considered the feeling of then. Even though he was a clever man, he wasn’t clever all the time. How could he defend Nemo, a stranger instead of believing in his friends when he saw Nemo killed all the orcas? He was also the last person among the three to realize that Captain Nemo was a dangerous man for them.
Ned was a brave and strong fisherman. “He was a man of action, not books.” In contrary of professor Arnonax, he was quite realistic. He would die for freedom. He said “if anybody tries to stop me, I will fight them to the death.” He was blunt and sometimes acted on a sudden impulse. That’s why they argued again and again. When they set off and didn’t find anything during the first few days, he was almost ready to strike. But during the period under the sea, he was always loyal. Whenever they faced danger, he was ready to fight. He once risked his life to save Captain Nemo who was suspicious to him, only because Captain Nemo had saved him from drown.

Comparing to Arnonax and Ned, Conseil was much more considerable and sensible. It’s hard to imagine how it would be if there were only Arnonax and Ned. He always delivered his viewpoints in an acceptable way. He seemed to be timid, but he was brave indeed. He was too loyal to let his friend face danger alone. He swam and saved Arnonax when he was nearly drowned. Lacking of oxygen, he and Ned kept the diving tanks for Arnonax instead of using it for themselves. Facing problems, he was the one who calmed down and worked out the ways to solve them. Among the four main Characters, I like Conseil best because of his sound mind.

Captain Nemo was the most mysterious one. He was a symbol of human beings’ all kinds of good and bad qualities. He was so brave that he wouldn’t think twice to risk his life to save others. He was also cruel and cold-blooded that he killed so many creatures including human. He was helpful as he saved the three when they fell in water. He was also overbearing that the only thing that the people on the submarine should do is to obey him. He was so complicated because he lost his loves and wanted to escape from the outside world and live in his own world. His heart couldn’t heal so he often thought about revenge. He was a good person, but was changed a lot by his experience. His experience made him sorrowful so much that he became a “demon” against human’s world.

There’re several ideas we can get throughout the book. First, people’s personalities and values vary, and we may argue with others because of this. Everyone has their own status, and we should neither make others accept ours nor change ours readily. Next, people’s ideas and action can be changed by the surroundings, but their nature is hard to be changed. Some people may do harm to others only because he was hurt by others and the wounds of the past is too deep to heal. Especially, evil rulers can make commoners bad ones. Besides, when facing danger, people who haven’t met before often help each other. That’s the shinny point of human’s instinct.
Theme Report of *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*

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“20,000 leagues under the sea” was written by Jules Verne, who was regarded as the father of modern science fiction.

When I first saw the title of the book, I thought it was an expository essay or some academic documentary. But it turns out that I was totally wrong. It was an absorbing science fiction which can stimulate teenagers ‘passion of science and adventure.

The story is about the adventures of three men—a naturalist, his colleague who was also the naturalist’s assistant and a sailor. The three of them were held captive at sea by Captain Nemo. They adventure across the world beneath the oceans meeting countless challenges — huge icebergs, anger shacks and many other thrilling, incredible things. They survived them all, until one day when Nemo’s submarine was sucked into an enormous maelstrom. The three prisoners luckily escaped from the maelstrom and survived. As for the rest, there is no where to find, it is a mystery.

Captain Nemo is a man of mystery, he is melancholy, insane but he is also very brave, intelligence and knowledgeable. We could see that when he was using the submarine to hit the merchant ship in order to drown those ships, fighting with the powerful octopus and giving bags of pearl to the poor pearler. So he is a complex character, he has his bright side as well as the dark side. However, I still think he is a kind person, he became cold and insane all because he has lost the most precious things in his life. So though his revenge was horrible and some of his behaviors and ideas were unbearable, I still felt sympathy for him and I do admire his knowledge.
All in all, “20,000 leagues under the sea” is really worth reading. No wonder it is a master piece.

Theme Report of 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

The 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea is a book about the travel on the “nautilus”. The author of the book is Jules Verne, a French writer. He is famous for his science fiction books. Most of his books contain plenty of knowledge and write about the mysterious places in the world as if you are traveling the world in the flesh. And this book, is one of his most famous books.

The year of 1867 was the year of the sea monster. The monster which looks like a whale destroyed many ships. Nobody knew what it really was. A French biologist Aronnax was invited to figure out the mysterious sea monster. But unfortunately the ship was attacked by the monster. The biologist and his assistant and a sailor Neal happened to drop to the monster’s body. They surprised find out that the sea monster was an advanced submarine. And the captain Nemo didn’t allow them to leave. Since then, they began to travel all over the world. The biologist was surprised by the resource in the Nautilus and he collected the huge data in the sea to continue his research. At last, the Nautilus was going to sink. They luckily escaped from the submarine.

There are only a few characters in the book. The professor aronnax was a true scientist who contributes his life to science. If I was trapped in a place. I would anxious to find out the way of escaping. But when the professor was slaved in the Nautilus, he found a lot books and many precious fish and vary specious in the sea. He was surprised, he even never think about escape from the submarine.

I liked assistant of the professor. I would say he is a absolutely a loyalty servant. He loved paperwork much more than working outdoors. But when professor called him, he followed him without complaining. When they dropped to the sea, the professor ran out of his strength and couldn’t hold onto Conseil any more. But he didn’t leave. He just swam for both of them. Finally he saved their life.

From this book, I compared the difficulties with the risk in our life. They are too small when we meet the difficulties, we should learn from them. Face the troubles we should keep a clear head, do not panic, encourage ourself to overcome them, then we will become a strong man.
Theme Report of 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

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The story was begun in 1867, when a sea monster had sunk several ships. ‘I’, Pierre Aronnax, got on the fastest ship in the US navy as a professor to get rid of the ship. But he, together with Conseil, his friend and assistant, and Ned Land, a harpooner, got on the ‘monster’, which is a huge ship named Nautilus, as a prisoner. But he was well treated and saw several massacre made by the captain of Nautilus, Nemo. At last, they decided to escape and they finally made it.

I think the best Chapter of this book is Last Battle because this is the last story which made up ‘my’ mind to try to get free. When a huge battleship was speeding toward their ship so the captain attacked it and sank it, although ‘I’ said he can’t do that. ‘I have lost all I loved-country, wife, children, father and mother. I shall have my revenge.’ This sentence was said by Nemo and the portrait of a young woman and two young children enabled ‘I’ realize that his past were too deep to heal. This is the suspense of this book.

However, personally I think the escapement is kind of unpractical. I think it can be changed into the following words.

Nautilus’s engine to get endless power was destroyed by the battleship, but Nemo didn’t know that. In the evening, the ship began to sink and all the engines were out of control. ‘I’ and my friends took this chance and managed to steel a boat and escaped.

I think this ending could be more realistic.
Theme Report of *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*

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20,000 Leagues Under the Sea is a science fiction novel written by a French writer Jules Verne in 1867.

The main characters are Pierre Aronnax, a professor with a thirst for knowledge, and Conseil, his loyal and calm assistant, and the brave harponner Ned Land. They were on the journey to find out about the sea monster. They were attacked and saved by the “monster”—a submarine ship named Nautilus. The mysterious captain of Nautilus, Nemo, treated them nicely and invited them to join their adventure under the sea. They had many surprising experiences as well as dangerous encounters, and they weren’t allowed to leave the submarine. At last they escaped successfully when the ship got to a bank.

The sceneries under the sea was imaginative and the things they experienced are amazing. One of the plots which impressed me a lot is after they failed to escape when the Nautilus left Philippines, they are invited to take a walk under water. It is hard to imagine walking in deep ocean with the strange equipment and weapons. Unfortunately they came across a shark managing to harm a diver. Nemo killed the shark with his dagger and Ned Land’s help. They saved the diver’s life.

The part of story impressed me not only because it is thrilling but also because it shows us another aspect of captain Nemo’s personality. His character is a combination of kindness and cruelty, amiability and testiness, just like the frequently changing ocean. He is clever and full of knowledge, but seems willing to be apart from human society. His heart was filled with hatred from losing his country and family, but his conscience didn’t fade away as he is always ready to sacrifice himself. He would save the life of a man that he doesn’t know, but was also pleasant to attack the battle ship. The behaviors of him made the character kind of insane.

There is an interesting story about creating the character Nemo. The writer wants him to be a Polish whose hatred aimed at the Tsar directly, but the publisher hopes him to be a strong opponent of slave trade as a role against tsar may lead to prohibition of the novel in Russia. They argued and finally came to a compromise to make the character a mysterious and ambivalent person. This decision made the story more attractive.

I am interested in the adventure under sea and touched by the moral level of the book. It’s pleasant to review it again after many years.
Theme Report of *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*

You are suggested consulting the thought-provoking aspects below to fulfill your theme report on *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*.

**I. Background Introduction**

1. When was the novel set? What were the main events at that time?
   
   In 1867. The second revolution of Industry would begin in 1870s and end in 1914. During this revolution, the light bulb, telegram, chemicals and other things in the industry were invented.

2. What do you know about the author Jules Verne?
   
   He was born in France, in a city called Nantes. Nantes was a busy harbor city, and the ships stirred Verne’s imagination. Later he became a famous scientific writer and some of his inventions in his stories were uncannily accurate in their predictions of future transportation and technology.

3. Why is the story entitled *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*? What does the title mean?
   
   Because it’s a trip 20,000 league under the land surface. it means something unusual at that time.

**II. Plot analysis**

I’d like to talk about Ned Land. I appreciate his courage, and more importantly, his understanding of the nature. He said in the chapter 4 that “the orcas would have a fair chance against his harpoon.” That idea impressed me a lot.

**III. Character analysis**

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### IV. Discussion

1. What similarities could you find in Chapter 4 and Chapter 6?
   They all talked about shark attacks.

2. Why did Ned and “I” argue again and again?
   Because Ned wanted to escape but I wanted to stay in the submarine. We have different opinions about Captain Nemo.

3. Why was Nemo sailing the Nautilus beneath the sea?
   Because he lost his family on land. He was sad and lost his mind, so he built the submarine to rule his own world and revenge. Poor Captain Nemo. I feel very sorry for him.

4. Why was the naturalist reluctant to leave the Nautilus?
   Because the sea was hard to explore and he loved science.

5. What differences between Nemo and the naturalist have you noticed?
   Nemo is cruel but the naturalist has a sense of pity and curiousness.

### V. Theme and Comment

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea deserves to be called one of the best science-fiction novels. First I didn’t expect it to be good, but I was wrong. It has the best story and the best characters. Even if I read its short adaption, I feel very strong mood. I can
understand every characters and feel pity about them, and that’s why science-fiction novels attracts me so much.

Theme Report of 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

According to 20000 leagues under the sea, it is not difficult for us to find out the author, Jules Verne, was absolutely an amazing science fiction writer. From the lively description of sailors to the precise words of different characters, from the vivid depiction of an unknown undersea world to the badly fantastic experience of exploring the mysterious earth, how can we believe the fact that Verne finished the book with his imagination while lying on his bed. Verne’s heart had already fully filled with his astonishing plan of exploring the world since he was just at the age of 8. He made up his mind when he was 11 so that he asked for a job as merchant seaman. Unfortunately his first step making his dream come true came to an end soon as his parents see him through and fetch him right back from the ship. With his body locked in his tiny room, with his dream jailed in his mind, his strong willing soon broke another window for him. He began to think, think about the colorful outside world as the result invisible world became more and clearer in his mind. He himself built a total new world!

From where I stand, the book portrays a real life of people in different character. ‘me’, an scientist is a portraiture of the author himself who crave truth and think in a objective way. Conseil, my friend, represent for most ordinary people who eager for a kind of peaceful life. Ned, the person in dispute, is brave but thinks in a direct way, which just reminds me of Zhishen Lu, a hero in SHUIHUZHUAN. Captain Farragut, the most loyal one, choose to fight side by side with his sailor until the very end, which impressed me a lot. Captain Nemo, the one I appreciate the most, has a very macroscopic view to nearly everything, government, war, death and so on.

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So we learn that there must be someone which has a close character to you. What I want to emphasize is the story is not only a feast of imagination but a true situation of our life.

As for something interests me a lot, some of Verne's ideas about the not-yet-existing submarines which were laid out in this book turned out to be prophetic, such as the high speed and secret conduct of today's nuclear attack submarines, and the need to surface frequently for fresh air. However, Verne depicted the Nautilus as capable of diving freely into even the deepest of ocean depths, where in modern-day reality it is still not possible for a submarine to do so without being crushed by the weight of water above it.
Theme Report of *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*

It was not possible to happen in the past days when the story came out. The technology wasn’t so advanced. It also can’t be reality today. So strong the electric devices are that nearly no corner could be missed under observation. But it was well-known all over the world and through generations by generations. So what is it? It’s the journey we joined in with Nemo, Ned, Conceil and Professor Aronnax that goes 20000 leagues under the sea.

Jules Verne is famous for writing science fictions. But if he only imagined a submarine and gave the scientific guessing, he wouldn’t be able to got so great success. What impressed me most are the characters. Every character is lively with their personal identities, experiences, believes and emotions.

“I” was a professor who’s extremely loyal to “my” study. “I” even liked to be in the submarine without liberty at first for “I” could finish a great book. Ned was on the opposite. He preferred to be free. He’s a brave man and would fight anything in his way. Conceil was neither on “my” side nor on Ned’s side. So his was a good link between Ned and “I”. They all made a big contribution to the colorful story.

But the character who impressed me most is Captain Nemo. He is the most complicated and mysterious one who ever appeared in the book. I’d like to admit that he is great. He finished an astonishing submarine without people even known and became the leader. He must be very capable and determinated. However, he has a very weak side deeply rooted in his heart. It’s so deep that no one could see it clearly. But his abnormal behavior has revealed some to us.

It’s hard to see an adult crying, especially a strong man. But Nemo cried twice.
Once for a dead companion and the other one was looking at a picture. The first time tell us about his sympathy and love for others. But it seemed like a paradox. If he really has love for others, why he would sink the ships and cause so many people’s death? The writer left a big unknown to us that is about the early life of Nemo. So it seems even stranger that he cried in front of a portrait.

Then we found him lost in his music. That’s the trail of pretty deep emotions. Music is regularly used to release emotions. Usually when a person is lost in the music he is surrounded by complex memories. And for this man, they may be the process of loved ones and the pain of losing them. **The more he loved, the more he pained, and the more he hatred.** Although I still can’t figure out the direct reason of his sinking the ships, I’ve found a deep reason. Nemo was very likely to be a loved, loving and emotional man once, but something cruelly destroyed his happiness. And he failed to control his feelings not to grow up to hatred. That’s the weakest part of his heart. Then hatred turned to be a terrifying power and started a huge revenge plan.

Deep emotion has an enormous power. Love can turn things good while hate cause a horrible result. Unfortunately, someone made Nemo choose the wrong using. And among most tragedies, Nemo is only a typical one.

Besides the characters, the book also attracted me with the colorful background, the sea. Many stories took place around the sea. It is really a box that contains countless treasure and countless stories and emotions. This extraordinary situation has enriched the story successfully.

I really appreciate this story. If I ever got a chance, I wish I could really go on a tour of 20,000 leagues under the sea. How much would I learn?
Theme Report of *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*

Jules Gabriel Verne (1828.2.8－1905.3.24) is a French author that has written many great faction novels. He is best known for his novels *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* and Verne is often referred to as the "Father of Science Fiction".

This book is about an extraordinary adventure under the sea, describing a magnificent and miraculous underwater world of the ocean. And it does have some developed plots at the same time. But it is the distinctive characters of main characters in the novel that attracted me most.

For instance, the allegiant assistant Conseil, who is always calm and unhurried. He never becomes excited expect the moment that Nautilus finally floated free from the iceberg. He cried “We are going to do it!” in delight.

And Ned, a brilliant but irritable harpooner, is always looking for the ways to escape from the Nautilus. He is a man of hot temper that can not stand being imprisoned by Caption Nemo and even dare to contradict Nemo directly. Ned once said, “I will die for my freedom. If anybody tries to stop me, I will fight them to death”, from which we can know that the desire for freedom is inherent in him.

Another typical character is a knowledgeable professor named Aronnax, who is mad about science incorrigibly. It seems that nothing is more important than his science work and book writing, including his own freedom and liberty. However, there is no doubt that his selfless scientific attitude is worth leaning to a certain degree.

Personally, I believe that Caption Nemo is the most essential character in the whole story. Nemo, a brave and creative caption, seems to be a kind of insane sometimes. He is so mysterious that I actually can not understand some of his behaviors, such as attacking ships and killing all the whales. Is that because “the wounds of his past were too deep to heal” as Professor Aronnax found? I do not know. But I prefer to believe that he is a kind man inside, for he is a symbol of liberty.

In conclusion, the wonderful characterization makes this book outstanding, which also represents some different kinds of life attitudes. In addition to it, the description and the plots are quite fantastic. And all of this combined together to form the eternal melody of this world—famous science faction.
To Be, or Not to Be: That Is the Question

Although the title was a famous philosophic saying from Shakespeare’s opera—“Hamlet”, I’m here to say something about another enchanting novel—“20,000 Leagues Under the Sea”. In my opinion, there’re many commons between the novel and the saying. They are both about one of the most mysterious thing in the world—the ambivalence of human-being.

Every person in the book has his unique character, as a result, it wasn’t easy work for those people to get along with each other. Although they had different or even adverse thought, they’re still a team over which was impossible to break. That’s the first time ambivalence “struck a pose on the stage”, but it was extremely distinctive “stage”—about several hundred meters under the sea level! As a man who was huts about everything in the sea, the author who would die for science and even an uncertain chance to get closer to those thing about which he was really interested. He thought even though he was imprisoned in Nautilus, as the days spent in Nautilus was endless and incomparable, he still liked the life in Nautilus, which provided him with a irreplaceable banquet of underwater world. But a little pitifully, Conseil didn’t enjoyed the life in Nautilus as his friend, he thought about escaping day in and day out. With the responsibility, he gave to himself, he always sided with the author and helped him all the time. Maybe being compared with that two guys, Ned was absolutely an impulsive man with the boredom of deep consolidation. Like a powerful stutterer, he let all of his bad feeling went out of his body to attack Nemo, even a single day stayed inside the Nautilus was an unbearable thing for him. But see them, those three people kept a brittle balance between each other. The author had to listen to their plan of escaping, Conseil had to take care of both his friend and Ned, Ned just couldn’t live the other two people along. They always wondered how to make the best of both worlds. Then the ambivalence of them was shown to us clearly.

The other “stage” for ambivalence was another person—Nemo. Beyond all question, Nemo was a mysterious, cold-bloaled but grievous man. Even the book has been ended already, we still knew nothing about Nemo’s life and experience. He wanted to protect the sea, but his approach were so cruel that a caused too much sanguinary conflict. Inside of him, he missed his family members who have died long long ago. Maybe with the painful heart covered with undried blood, he was just a lonely man who played the piano alone and fought for his justice without being understand. Nemo was a sad man full of ambivalence.

No one know what will happen in the future. To be or not to be, it depends on you. I thought whatever the ending is great or not, Nemo and the author would never regretted about each other and all the things they have done. That’s what we should learn from them, such as another saying in “Hamlet”—“whether” its nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, or to take arms against a sea of troubles, and by opposing end them.
This book is mainly about what Aronnax saw during the journey under the sea and some amazing things.

Captain Nemo, who is romantic and mysteries, built the large special ship with his knowledge and carefully design. He did his scientifical research lonely before he met Aronnax. After this exciting experience, they became good friends.

I think this book’s layout is very clear. It’s obvious that the writer has a great originality. While I reading this book, it makes me feel either nervous and anxious or relaxing and wonderful. This book also has a lot of details so that it can lead me into the interesting part od the whole story and I can’t help carrying on.

As for the characters, I think each person has his own characteristic. I like Aronnax because he is very optimistic, I love Conseil for his faithfulness and selfless. I admire Nemo because he is brave and persevering.

I really learn a lot from them, thought they are only appeared in the story. Everyone may make mistakes, we are human. But we can try our best to overcome our shortcoming and never give up, just like those characters. I believe, at last, we will become better and better and achieve ourselves. We will have a happy ending just like the story.
Theme Report of *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*

Jules Verne is my favorite science fiction author, and *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* is one of my favorite novels. I used to read this book in Chinese when I was in primary school, but now, after reading this book again, I have got a completely different feeling than year’s ago.

The book tells a story about Aronnax, a naturalist. He was asked to join a trip to hunt a sea monster. But, somehow, he and his colleague got into a submarine and were held by the captain Nemo. They were trapped in the submarine, and have to travel under the sea with the captain. They met all sorts of difficulties during the travel – icebergs, sharks and squids. Luckily, they survived. Aronnax finally escaped from the submarine in a night without telling the captain.

When I read this book for the first time, I was amazed by the fascinating view under the sea, and I got really impressed by the author’s unbelievable imagination. But this time, Nemo attracts me. He lived in his submarine, had only a little contact with the human world. He must do this for some reason. After reading this book twice, I think he do these things for his country. He got lots of money and treasure under the sea, but that’s not what he came for. He used the money to help the people who were poor on land. In some ways, we can say that Nemo had contributed himself to the ocean, bearing the endless loneliness, in order to change the world on land. I think the author create this character shows his anger to the ruler at that time.

These are what I’ve got after this time’s reading. Now, I admire Verne not only for his great imagination, but also for his lively characterization.
Theme Report of *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*.

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"20,000 Leagues Under The Sea" wrote in 1869, and it’s the second in Verne’s famous trilogy. In the 19th Century, science fiction was a special cultural phenomenon after the rise of European industrial civilization and their theme were all concerned about the future of human beings with representing the future science and technology. As for Jules Verne, who was known as “the father of modern science fiction”, loved ocean and travel so much. That maybe one of the reason why "20,000 Leagues Under The Sea" was about a fantastic story happened under the sea.

For this story, it’s about a “sea monster” attacked several ships, and Pierre Aronnax, a professor of Natural History was invited to join the expedition to get rid of the monster with his assistant Conseil. Unfortunately, the ship they took was attacked by the monster, and he, Conseil and a harpooner named Ned fell from the ship. By accident, the got into the “monster”, which actually was a submarine ship. In the submarine ship, they knew captain Nemo, and had experienced lots of amazing things. Although the three of them escaped at last, but all the secrets about Nemo made him more secret.

The scene that most impressed me was when the sailor died because of the giant squid, captain Nemo “stared out at the sea that had swallowed up one of his friends, tears came into his eyes”. I think that Nemo was a odd and peremptory man when he first appeared, however, after that I saw a man, who was true to life. I changed my mind and became sympathy to that lonely man.

Pierre was a man could devoted himself to his science career without considering about whether he was in danger. He had a strong thirst for knowledge. Conseil was the best friend and partner. He could jumped from the safe place for saving his friend’s life, he was also a gentleman and he wanted everyone could be peaceful coexistence. Ned was a strong and brave man and I think he’s just like a child, he did and said what he wanted. All the characters had their own personality and we respected all of them.
Discussion

1. They were all about the cruel fact of the jungle justice nature, but they were all beaten by human beings.

2. Ned wanted to escape from the submarine ship, however, "I" wanted to stay on the ship to finish my study and find more about the ocean as a scientist.

3. Nemo sailed the Nautilus beneath the sea for his revenge.

4. The naturalist was unwilling to see Nemo’s cruel and he could not understand why Nemo killed the innocent people on the other ship. His conscience made him Nemo was a man full of secret, and no one could get into his heart. The naturalist could get himself into his study, he was a stubborn man. Between Nemo and Pierre, something was similar. It seems like if they had enough time, they could understand each other and became good friends.

From this book, I don’t know anything about Nemo’s story in the end of the book. It’s a pity, but during searching for the information, I understood that Nemo was a man full of mystical color. He avoided himself from the enemy and the persecutor, finded the freedom under the sea, he also fought for his country and fought against the enemy. He was a hero but nobody knew. The lonely but powerful man.
Jules Verne, the author of 20000 Leagues Under The Sea, loves travelling very much even when he was very young. He volunteered travelling with a ship to India. However he was punished and forbidden to travel any more, his imaginary could never be forbidden.

Date back to 1866, it is said that a huge creature in the water appeared from nowhere and rammed several ships at sea then disappeared faster than a killer whale. Pierre Aronnax, professor of natural history at the museum of Paris was asked to join the trip of catching the monster, together with his assistant. Unfortunately, they fell into the water. They carried on swimming and surprisingly landed on a floating island which the monster really is. This ship is built on a desert island in secret by the captain named Nemo. Its solid hull is strong and it use the marine power. He was invited to travel with Nautilus. They passed many oceans and during their trip they met many interesting things and had many fascinating experiences. Finally, when the ship arrived at the coast of Norway, Aronnax left the Nautilus and tell the truth about Nautilus to the public.

Captain Nemo is a mysterious man who is gloomy but knowledgeable. He is the man who is rich enough to help poor people with gold and kind enough who will also cry when his friend died. He welcome everyone hate continent and avoided human-beings. He was miserable and didn’t believe human-beings at all. Above all, he is a kind person.

Nature is unpredictable. There are always things can make us fascinated and mysteries we have not solved. And every coin has two sides, technology is no exception. All we have to do is to use it correctly and exactly.
Theme report of 20,000 Leagues under the Sea

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About Author: Jules Verne (1828-1905) is a well-known French writer. He wrote many science fiction novels.

Story: The story happened in 1867. A huge creature that glowed in the water attacked several ships at sea. People called it the sea monster. The sea monster appeared mysteriously, no one knew what the sea monster really is. People wanted to figure it out. They found out the sea monster was not a creature but a ship. They were saved by the captain of the ship named Nemo. So the author and his co-worker and a sailor went for the adventure with the ship, a legendary trip was begun. They adventure across the world under the sea for 20,000 miles. They met many challenges but they got through it. At last the ship was sucked into a huge maelstrom but the author “I”, colleague “Conseil” and Ned survived.

After Reading: Ned is not a well-educated man; he was very brave and had his own thoughts. Ned wasn’t interested in science, he wanted to go home, and he kept chasing freedom. And he did escape from the Nautilus.

Conseil loves his co-worker, he experienced the whole things because the author wanted to discover something in the science, he can’t left author alone. He actually didn’t have the responsibility to take risk, but he did, and he saved the naturalist when the ship cracked. He was a good person that people can rely on. The writer is a scientist or naturalist. I saw his attitude to the science is unbelievable. He would die for the science. He has guts and wisdom. The writer was eager to know more about the ocean and this spirit that chasing for the truth is really priceless. I think this trip was amazing. They are pioneer and the first group of people discover the deep of the ocean, it’s fantastic. Someone wanted to know more about the science, someone wanted to be free. They were brave and their determination of adventure and die for the people who they cared is worth us looking up to. This book is about a fantastic trip. It tell me to keep on chasing your dream one day you’ll have the chance to discover the truth just as the author did. If we are in trouble we must try to find a way to get out, the strength that want to be free is amazing. We should never give up. If not, we can’t do anything.
Theme report of 20,000 Leagues under the Sea

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This is not the first time I read this book, but for the first time, I was too young to understand the character, but the scientific circumstance attracted me more. As for this time reading, I paid more attention on the character of each person.

The person most impressed me is Captain Nemo. He is a pioneer, sure he’s also an avenger and a escapee from the reality. With an unknown past, Nemo escaped to the sea, where no laws can limit him. We don’t actually know his past, but it’s sure his cruel came from his past. He killed every orca to save weak sperm whales. He wanted to protect the weak but never mind the live of the bullies. He violated the rule of nature; try his best to protect the weak. Maybe he used to be a weak bullied by others, he hid into the sea in order to get rid of the laws also prepared to revenge. Now, he tried his best to make the weak from attacking like himself. From time past, he was found to be kind and cherish affection a lot. He couldn’t bear any of his crew died or get hurt. He tried his best protect his crew, his friend and helper. He tried to keep the secret of Nautilus and make every intruder a prisoner in the ship. I don’t think he really enjoyed the sea sight when he sailed through the sea. His revenge made him like a hunter, find innocence people and ship to and made it sink down to achieve his goal. Although at last, he felt depressed and guilty by his action and sail into a maelstrom, his action is still not worthy. He used others life to fill his guilty to his family and use his crew’s and his own life to fill the guilty of killing so much innocence people, it’s unworthy and inscrutable.

As for Conseil, a wonderful assistant and friend, make a sense of helping and teamwork, help you and be with you whenever and wherever you are. His existence make you feel safe and easy to live. He did his own work hard but I think he is lack of self-opinion, or less express. Through the whole adventure he only expressed his opinion twice, but just as a suggestion, none of them show the determination.

And for Ned, I just impressed by his strong determination and brave, also obey the rules of nature. He was eager for freedom and found any chance for him to get out of the ship.

And the professor, he really interested in the science and ocean creature study, even though it may threaten his life and make freedom as replacement.

This is what I think of this book.
Theme report of the 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

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The 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea created many lively characters. Pierre Aronnax professor was knowledgeable and firmly believed in science. Conseil, the servant of the professor had a stable character. And Ned who was a short tempered whale hunter moved me a lot with his strong will, he said ‘If anybody tries to stop me, I will fight them to the death’ which made me believed he was a real man.

There was an important character in the book. He was Captain Nemo. I found he was a mysterious person when I first read this book in Chinese version. He owned the high technology far over the level of the days and lived a legendary life. Many mystery was unveiled when I read the last novel of the ‘Ocean Trilogy’, The Mysterious Island. Captain Nemo had been the prince of Indonesia.

Put his questionable status aside, Nemo had a double personality. In one hand, Nemo was a fighter of the freedom and anti-oppression. Outwardly, Nemo was only a knowledgeable engineers who escaped from the human society. In fact, he was a rebellious worrier. He collected his undersea treasure, support the oppressed nations struggle for justice. When the country is being reduced to a colony, he led a few like-minded people into the seabed, support and awaken the oppressed people struggled against colonial rule.

In another hand, he was a cruel and avocating violence. At the end of the novel, Captain Nemo to attacked other countries’ ships and destroyed them puzzled me when I first read this novel. He loved music and, loved hunting too. His submarine was just like a moving castle or army, which was always used to punish the imperialist power. But I think that science is not the weapon to kill people. In this way, Nemo was just like an insane revenger.

I have my own opinion about Captain Nemo. His strange personality was affected by his rough experiences. He was a prince of trouble. It was clear that he was well educated and goond mannered, he was kind, too. But the hatred of losing his motherland affected badly on him. He chose to live away with the people. He once suffered from the injustice power of military, so he armed himself with high technology and attacked those counties’ ships pitilessly. And ocean taught him many things. The width and depth of the ocean let him learn to be modest and hide his talent and emotion, the vital storm and whirlpool taught him to fight like fierce animal. The discovery of the ocean opened his mind and made him wise, the difficulties of living in the sea made him know to cherish every friends’ lives.

Just like his name, Nemo, which means ‘non existent’ in Latin. Captain Nemo was a mysterious man. I was amazed by Jules Verne’s skillful writing and his imagination. The novel was a wonderful guide for the people after him. Although this story was just like ‘Arabian Nights’ for people in that time, but the Nautilus was not a dream in this day.
Theme report of the 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

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Once more, I can’t help exclaim over the imagination Jules Verne, as according to my knowledge, he was born many years before the submarine came out and many other technologies he wrote in his novels came out to the world. No, it wasn’t only over his imagination, but also over his great talent of foreseeing. Most of his virtual objects in his novel has came into real.

Back to this novel, the professor, however, leave me a good impression. He judges every person equally and he sees every coin in two sides. What’s more, the sense he gives me on looking for the beauty of science adores me most.

And to Ned, the straightforward people who put all his mind on finding ways to escape from the submarine, also give me a good impression. He is so straight that I almost burst out laughing when he explains about being a prison each time.

Anyway, to Captain Nemo, as I have already read “Mysterious Island”, which tells the last story of Nemo, I understand that he is a kind-hearted man from end to end. And his calm and gentle and the way hating the world make me crazy about him from end to end as well.

After all, although I used to hate science fiction and thought they were boring, this series of books change my opinion, maybe for good.
Theme report of the 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

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I. Background Introduction

1. When was the novel set? What were the main events at that time?

The novel was set in 1869, a year of the rise of European industrial civilization. In the 19th century, when technology revolution and scientific inventions began leading our minds and lives, science fiction embraced its own prosperity. In such a social environment, not even mention Jules Verne’s own talents and experiences that seem specially created for science fictions, Jules Verne wrote this novel—20,000 Leagues Under the Sea.

2. What do you know about the author Jules Verne?

He was born in France, with features aimed at imagination. And, to all the people’s surprise, predictions in his science fictions were uncannily accurate now for we are really experiencing what he, a man born decade years ago, has foreseen.

He was known as the writer of <around the world in eighty days> and <journey to the center of the earth>, his opus were not accept by many people at first, but he finally won his fame by marvelous imagination and convincing predictions.

3. Why is the story entitled 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea? What does the title mean?

In my opinion, this title indicates the circumstance the story took place. At that time of the era, no one can imagine what was going on under the sea, and just in this book, Jules Verne showed us images about world—20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, so, apparently the book was named that way.

II. Plot analysis

Chapter 5.

I like this chapter the most because this chapter consist not only scientific findings but also the characters’ feelings. And that is actually why I admire Jules Verne, his novels indeed cared about science and predictions, but what’s more, he never forget to endow characters their own character! Just like in this paragraph, “I” love exploring for sure, so I feel ravelly sad and even guilty to my friends. This act reveal the fact that scientist are also people, they too cared
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about friend . And I am really moved for that part. Doesn’t like many other writers, Jules Verne showed me a lovable scientist and his friends.

III. Character analysis

Try to describe each character and find out the proper supportive reference from the story to root for your analysis.

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<td>Serious &amp; calm (he handled the fact that there were strangers on his submarine calmly. And his way to deal with anger is to be quiet.)</td>
<td>Loyal (he never let “me” alone to do the experiments, he saved my life)</td>
<td>Brave (he was always the first one to fight the monster and he is not afraid of sharks.) \ reckless (he put the strong men down without thinking) impulsive but inner-directed [stubborn] (he wants to kill the orcas but he believed his definition of butchery, and he always stand strongly against other opinion.)</td>
<td>Scientific [sacrificing] (I tried to do everything to find out the mystery. And he even wanted to give up his freedom for that.) know to self-examination &amp; kindness (after long time no speaking to Ned, he actually blamed himself and eagerly wants to fix their relationship)</td>
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IV. Discussion

1. What similarities could you find in Chapter 4 and Chapter 6?

“I” tied to protect Nemo from my friends both time, but also I was puzzled both time, I was wondering whether Nemo’s act is right or wrong both time, and that lead me in to deep thought.

2. Why did Ned and “I” argue again and again?

Whether to stay in the submarine or find chances to escape.

3. Why was Nemo sailing the Nautilus beneath the sea?

To help sea animals in his way.
Theme report of the 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

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20,000 Leagues Under the Sea is a book written by Jules Verne in 1867 and set in 1869. Jules Verne is a famous French writer for science fiction. And this book tells a story about the journey undersea that French biologist Aronnax took.

Generally speaking, I’d like to give some analyses on the main characters. First let’s talk about the soul of this book——“I ”, which refers to Professor Aronnax. I think he has a strong desire for discovering the undersea world and gaining new knowledge, which is the one I admire most because I’m just lack of the spirit of fulfilling my dreams without giving up. In the book, when he was invited to go on a voyage for getting rid of the huge creature glowing in the water, he accepted with no doubt. On the contrary was Conseil’s reaction to this news, his face went pale immediately considering the idea of danger. Thus we can see that just like what “I” had said, “I” would give up “my” freedom for science, as well as my life. Besides, everytime when Ned asked “us” to escape “I” refused because “I” want to learn more about the undersea world, which would only be shown on board Nautilus. On the flicker side, we can also get clear that “I” am kind of selfish as “I” always quarreled with Ned.

In the quarrel between “I” and Ned, I think Conseil stood out. During the process, he said nothing because he didn’t want to take side. That was really a clever choice because no matter which side he took, a even more severe conflict would broke out between “I” and Ned. Therefore, the best choice for the time being was to keep quiet and C did a good job. But what impresses me most is C’s loyalty to their friendship. His loyalty was on display when he chose to jump off the ship to save his friend and don’t even loose his hand although his friend was run out of energy and they were about to die when the ship encountered the submarine.

As for Ned, he is brave, obviously. He is the only one on board afraid of nothing. He could kill a shark just with a harpoon and that was out of my imagination. But he showed his aggressive side a lot by saying “I’ll take my harpoons to kill …”. And he
is very emotional and realistic. He couldn’t bear the life undersea and asked to escape for several times and he focused a lot on coins instead of undersea lively creatures.

To be frank, I don’t want to talk a lot about Captain Nemo. His personality is too complicated to speak out. He could be cruel to the killer whales but almost sacrificed his life to the one he didn’t even meet before. His hatred had destroyed all his world that he was too pessimistic about his life. But does life just mean wife, children and so on? I don’t think so. I think he should live on just for himself not for other reasons. He could have been happier.

When I first saw this book, I felt I had a strong curiosity on it and fortunately it didn’t disappoint me at last. At the beginning of the process of reading this book, I just focused a lot on the incredible adventure and the scientific and geological knowledge I could learn from it. The book impressed me with the prediction of the inventions and discoveries in the future. I mean how could a man imagine what would happen in the future of his time and all of his imagination came to reality later. That was so stunning! I just can’t believe it! I considered that submarine was just an example with the application of light refraction and light bulbs following it.

And time flies, I’ve got the chance to read this book again. This time I thought the part impressed me most was when Ned and Conseil refused to uptake the last hint of oxygen and left the chance to live to the professor. It was that part that touched me with something called humanity and signed me the real meaning of sacrifice.

Besides something related to the moral aspect, I think the author wanted to show target to achieve. And without a goal to hit, there will be no progress we can make to fulfill our desires of reaching high levels.
Theme report of the 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

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I. Background Introduction

1. When was the novel set? What were the main events at that time?
   
   The novel was set in 1867. At that time, a huge sea monster that glowed in the water rammed several ships so that everyone in the U.S. was scared. In Japan, Emperor Meiji ascended the throne. And the Suez Canal in Egypt was opened.

2. What do you know about the author Jules Verne?
   
   This French naturalist is one of the leading pioneers of modern science fiction and is best known for his novels Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea, Journey to the Center of the Earth, and Around the World in Eighty Days.

3. Why is the story entitled 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea? What does the title mean?
   
   Because the whale hunter, Ned, Professor Pierre and his assistant, Conseil traveled 20000 leagues under the sea on Nautilus. It implies that the innumerable spectacles that the ordinary people can never see and a vast lots of adventures alter their lives drastically and will be treasured as secrets in the depth of memory.

II. Character analyze

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III. Discussion

1. What similarities could you find in Chapter 4 and Chapter 6?
   
   Nemo killed the strong to save the weak. He and Ned showed great courage towards the horrible danger.

2. Why did Ned and “I” argue again and again?
   
   Because I’m willing to give up freedom for the greater good of science and
stay on board discovering while Ned considered freedom as the air for living and sought to escape. Ned was always against Nemo while I was always on his side.

3. Why was Nemo sailing the Nautilus beneath the sea?
   Because he lost all that he loved – country, wife, children and parents so that he wanted to revenge and he considered freedom as crucial as life so that he refused to imprisoned by the law in the society.

4. Why was the naturalist reluctant to leave the Nautilus?
   Because he was completely science-mad so that he was willing to give up anything, even freedom and life, to discover the nature and he could learn about the sea much more than anyone else in the world on Nautilus. And he thought Captain Nemo was amazing and put his trust in him.

IV Perception

There was a time, when I was deeply attracted towards a world of my own. I can live in the way I like, cocooned in my inner most being, which protects me from unwanted hurts and any kind of imprisonment.

Therefore, it strikes a responsive chord in me when I read about Nemo travels on Nautilus drifting around for a lifetime. But after finish reading the novel, again, I was convinced of the point that living in my own world isn’t the best choice for my life.

I know the wounds of Nemo’s past are too deep to heal. But if he hadn’t hermetically sealed himself in his pain, he wouldn’t have sunk countless ships and rooted dread and hatred in more people’s hearts. Now that he has his sorrow, what’s the meaning of spreading the pains to others who’re innocence and locking up himself in permanent hatred?

Everyone once buried his pain in his heart, which may sprout into the flowers of hatred. To avoid sowing the seeds of revenging in more people’s mind, we ought to get out of the cell of gloom. It’s your own sake and no one can help you, since the key to the door of the prison is in your hand.
Theme report of the 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

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I. Background Introduction
1. The novel was set in 1869.

The main events at that time were Russian chemical Mendeleev discovered the periodic table of the elements and the Suez Canal was completed and was open to navigation.

2. Jules Verne was born in 1828 in France and he was a famous writer in nineteenth century. He created a lot of great literary works and he was also an important pioneer of the modern science fiction. Verne started to publish some science fictions in 1863. Roughly outlined, his main productions mainly involved two aspects of background, one was the end of nineteenth century world, and the other was imaginary world.

3. Because this book mainly told a story about several people travelled under the water, and the depth they dived was 20000 leagues. “League” was a length measuring unit used in France, and one league approximately equal four kilometers. The title means the story happened in an unreal world, because sailing under the sea was so difficult that people could not explore at that time, even now people still can’t dive under the sea for such a long time.

II. Plot analysis
Chapter 6:

This is a very splendid part of this wonderful book, this chapter mainly told an exciting story. The story is about the characters wore the high-tech diving suits walking under the sea, but unfortunately they met sharks which were the most dangerous animals living in the sea. Sharks attacked them and they fought for life. In this section, the author described this gripping story perfectly; he showed me a picture of the fighting scenery. When I was reading this chapter, I was amazed by the author’s rich imagination, so this chapter left a deep impression on me.

III. Character analysis

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IV. Discussion

1. Both chapter 4 and chapter 6 told us a story about fighting, and the fighting scenery was both very bloody, and the past lives were both marine lives.

2. Because Ned wanted to be free, he desired to live on the land, and he is not used to living in a submarine. The submarine for him was just like a running prison under the abysmal sea. But this submarine for the naturalist was a treasure-house with a lot of scientific data which were unique. So the naturalist wanted to stay on the submarine to do some scientific works. This was the reason that Ned and naturalist argued again and again.

3. The simplest reason was Nautilus was a submarine and working under the water was its great advantage. The deeper reason was captain Nemo didn’t want others know him. He was a prince in India once, but he hated the English. He escaped from India, and built this ship to take revenge to the English, so he sailed the Nautilus under the sea.

4. Because from the moment he stepped on the submarine, he knew the secret of captain Nemo. Unfortunately Nemo didn’t want any stranger know his secret, so the naturalist was reluctant to leave the Nautilus.

5. I noticed that the naturalist loved science very much and he was kind, but captain Nemo was a fathomless person and he hated English so much that he attacked a English warship and destroyed it. Through the description in the book, we can discovered that the two of them have a big difference in their character.

V. Theme and Comment

Form this book, the author showed his incomparable imagination to the world. I thought it was hard to write about a submarine at that time, form this point we can see his talent. This book covered not only rich imagination but also the thoughts of life. We can learn some profound life philosophy from this book.
Theme report of the 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

This fascinating story was written by Jules Verne who also wrote one of my most favorite books The Mysterious Island. His rich imagination also brought him great wealth which enabled him to lead a rich life in his later years. The submarine in the real world wasn’t invented after many years the story had been published. I was deeply affected when I read this story.

It was about a professor Pierre Aronnax, his assistant Conseil and an experienced harpooner Ned Land who accidentally stepped onto Captain Nemo’s submarine. And the adventures began from here!

While reading this book, there is a plot that impressed me most. I still can’t decide whose opinion is right towards killing all the orcas for the sake of protecting those sperm whales from being attacked until now. As is known to all, disturbing animals’ world intentionally truly does no good to the entire biosphere. It is just by conquering and surviving that the biosphere is able to exist and the amount of creatures in varies kinds can be suitable to keep balance. Only in this way can our humans live peacefully. So, on the one hand, Captain Nemo’s behavior is kind of unscientific. Besides, it’s not fair for orcas, either. They don’t mean to be such a nightmare for small fish, it’s just they have to hunt for their lives. It’s far too cruel for them to be “destroyed” completely. On the other hand, however, how can we just watch those cute sperm whales being eaten by orcas without doing anything? If we really did that, we wouldn’t forgive ourselves forever. So was Nemo, and it will not surprise us to see what Nemo did if we understand that. Therefore, sometimes there is no right or wrong opinion towards a certain question. Thinking about it in different ways may result in different conclusions.

I didn’t quite understand Nemo when I first read this book, his moodiness made me doubt if he was insane, but gradually, I knew about his miserable past and came to understand his pain deep in heart and feel sorry for him. Nemo truly was unreasonable when he stuck those 3 people on board disobeying their will, but generally he was a kind person. He saved the 3 people from being drown to death; he rescued Ned once more under the shark’s teeth with great courage; his extraordinary fondness to nature represents love in the bottom of his heart… If it were not for his miserable past, I believe he would be an extremely kind-hearted, optimistic and talented person.

I like this book a lot. It makes me think about lives and humanity by simple but meaningful words, which will influence me for my whole life!
Theme report of the 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

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When I finished reading this book, I have a dream. I hope to travel all over the sea and find out many secrets about the sea with the captain Nemo. But I don’t have the good luck like Aaron Nath.

The story start in 1866, a monster was found by many ships, and this thing made people scared. Aaron Nath who is a biologist and some army were invented to capture it. But, his friend and he fell on the monster (submarine)’s back. Captain Nemo saved them, and start a long travel in the sea.

This book filled with fantasy. It’s unbelievable that the author had so much rich image in that time. In the novel, captain Nemo pointed out that the progress of human beings is too slow. I think it’s also author’s opinion. Fantasy is a pair of wing of progress. Discover is never stop.

In this story, I like captain Nemo the best. He is a secret. He was general, kind, easy-going, gentle like the sea. He has the spirit of self-improvement and Genius of the mind. I like him very much.

In a word, this is a wonderful book filled with fantasy. Everyone reading this book can has some harvests for own. I like it.
UNIT 3 Theme Report Anthology

**Theme Report of 20000 Leagues Under The Sea**

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Writer shows a great and excellent traveling for us, it not only very long but also filled with danders, and communication with nature and friends. we can see all kinds of animals and places in the story, and also the brave, smart and other great spirit of the people.

Ned is a whale hunter with “a sharp eye” and “a quick arm”. he is brave and loves the animals he sees even though he has killed many whales.”they’d have a hair chance against my harpoon”, ”I am a hunter”, ”not a butcher”. he is a person who really admires animals.

Conseil is a good friend, he respects friends and follows them, but he doesn’t do things without thinking. he knows who is the really friend, and it’s sure that he’s the best friend for everyone. he’s also a cool man, and never loses his mind. he keeps his decision only when he thinks it’s worth to do something.

Nemo is unlucky. he has a kind heart but there were too much pain in his life. his moving is so strong that he nearly loses his mind when he only sees revenge and arming.

“I” is also a very lively character in the story. as a scientist,” I” thinks that it’s more important than both life and freedom to study and work” for the greater good of scientist”. ”I” is friendly to others at the same time.

The three person’s travel is unforgettable, and it’s a nice trip that records each memory of each person.
Theme report of the 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

Title of the book: 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea
Type: novel

Basic information of author: Name: Jules Verne
Birth: Feb.8th, 1828
Nationality: French

Writing background:

Verne had loved the sea since he was a little boy, he dreamed to travel everyday. At the age of 11, he had a chance traveling to India by volunteering to be an apprentice. Unluckily, the plan was discovered by his parents, and he was brought back to home and given a good punch. After that, Verne could only travel in his dreams. Perhaps because of this experience, Verne wrote several science fictions, and 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea was his most famous and successful book.

The main content of the book:

Part 1: Before the adventure

Pierre Aronnax, a professor of Natural History at the Museum of Paris, was asked to join a trip getting rid of a sea monster, together with his friend and assistant, Conseil. After several weeks on the sea, the sea monster finally came to attack their ship. Finally, Pierre, Conseil and a harpooner named Ned all fell into the water, but luckily they were saved by the “sea monster”, in fact, it was a submarine, actually it named Nautilus.

Pierre and others became prisoners of the war, they met the captain of the “monster”, Nemo. And they were told that they would never leave the submarine until they die. After Pierre turning around the submarine, he made a crazy decision—giving up his freedom for the greater good of science. Then three men, Pierre, Conseil, Ned, began to have an unforgettable experience in next several years.

Part 2: An unbelievable trip

First the captain Nemo and others sailed across the Pacific Ocean, then they sailed west along the Equator, where they spotted a lot of sperm whales, and many killer whales were getting ready attack the sperm whales. This made Nemo decide to let his Nautilus to see the killer whales off, so he let the sea turn to red by the killer whales’ blood.

Nemo planned to get into the Indian Ocean through the Straits of Torres, but unfortunately they ran aground near by an island. Pierre and his friends sailed a small boat to get to the island, they found a plenty of plants and animals they’d ever seen
before. Ned thought it was a great chance to escape so they hid and build a fire. But they were found and thrown stones by several Papuan men. At last three of the men ran back to the submarine.

In the northern part of the Indian Ocean, Nemo invited Pierre and others to take a walk underwater. They wore diving suits and unbelievably walked underwater. Suddenly Nemo helped a fisherman by fighting with a huge shark bravely. But the shark was overwhelming to beat the captain, at the moment, Ned used his harpoon to strike the shark a deadly blow, and that saved the captain’s life.

After that, they had experience fighting with a giant monster and seeing the captain destroyed a battleship. During the trip, Pierre’s mind of Nemo was always changing.

Part 3: Escape

After the war between Nautilus and the battleship, Pierre, Ned and Conseil escaped by a small boat, and by the moment, Nautilus was in a maelstrom and it was caught in its swirling grip.

The review of the book

The book told us a fantastic story, full of unbelievable adventures. Nowadays, 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea is famous and popular all over the world, for all the characters are well fleshed out. Especially the captain, Nemo, he plays the most important character in the story.

Nemo is a kind man, he let Pierre and his friends stay in the submarine instead of kill them; Nemo also is brave, he saved the fisherman’s life from a huge shark bravely; Nemo is enthusiastic, he allowed the prisoners, Pierre, Ned and Conseil, to use everything in the submarine. However, Nemo is a violent and bloody killer, he killed all the killer whales in a moment; Nemo also is grim, he destroyed the battleship for his revenge. He has a highly variable character and he has a superior wisdom, he is just as mysterious as the sea.

The author had a rich imagination, Verne created the submarine, a kind of ship can sail under water, and the diving suit. And it is interesting that these things seemed not scientific in the past, came true after 100 years.
Theme report of 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

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The novel 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea is known as one of the most famous fictions. It was written by Jules Verne, a French writer who is honored as the greatest fiction writer. This book is the second and is said to be the best of his series about the ocean, which includes three novels.

The story is about a professor named Pierre Aronnax. He studied about sea life. In 1867, there were many people who declared that they had seen sea monster, some ships were even attacked by it. Then a ship decided to search for the unknown monster and kill it. The professor got on the ship because of the invitation from the captain with his assistant, Conseil. There they met Ned Land, a harpooner. They found the monster. But to their surprise, this “monster” was more like a machine rather than a creature. The professor, Conseil and Ned fell into the sea by accident. They fell right on the “monster”. It was actually a submarine! A group of men captured them and made them stay in a room. A mysterious man appeared a few days later. He told them that this submarine was his Nautilus, and he was Captain Nemo. He decided to make them stay on Nautilus, for he didn’t want to have any contact with the land, and they had to keep his secret. They were forced to obey him. So they started their traveling on Nautilus under the sea. They saw many breath-taking views. But they were all very interested in mysterious Captain Nemo, while Ned was restless and wanted to be back on land all the time. They finally decided to leave secretly when they saw……

I like this novel a lot. It shows us not only an interesting story, but also characters with different personalities. I personally like Captain Nemo the best in the whole novel. Although he was full of mysteries and may seemed like a bad apple, he was truly a person who had strong love to his country and family, and a symbol of freedom (According to another novel of the same series, Secret Island, he was doing those things with reasons). I admire him as a hero, but I have to say that he went too far on his way of revenge. The imagination of the writer is also unbelievable. It was impressive to me. I hope that I could have the same strong imagination, and then maybe I could be a great writer too someday.
I. Background Introduction

1. When was the novel set? What were the main events at that time?

   It was written in 1869. A sea monster appeared at that time.

2. What do you know about the author Jules Verne?

   Jules Verne was born in France, in a city called Nantes. When he was young, he often rowed a boat around the harbor and found the sight of all the ships very exciting. After his schooling, Verne began to write as a writer. He became famous and wealthy through his writing, and his books are still among the most translated in the world. In a word, he’s really a great writer.

3. Why is the story entitled 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea? What does the title mean?

   Because this story describes all sorts of thriller and surprised encounters that people have met in the sea. (Leagues’ meaning is “a union” now, but it is an obsolete unit of distance of varying length as well.)

II. Plot analysis

   You’re invited to make a brief illustration related to some chapter(s) of the story
which extremely impressed on you.

Pierre Aronnax impresses me so much. He was a great biologist with incomputable knowledge. He introduced plenty of organisms, fed one's sight on. He was a calm and brave man as well.

III. Character analysis

Try to describe each character and find out the proper supportive reference from the story to root for your analysis.

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Supportive reference

1. Nemo’s action had been cruel but there was some sense in it. He was protecting the calves.
2. Captain Nemo took out his dagger and walked straight towards the monster, ready to fight face to face.
3. “this is stupid,” Conseil said. “We’re wasting our time. This isn’t serious scientific work.”
4. Conseil was less sure. “Research is starting to become a daft excuse for accepting invitations
5. Ned grinned broadly at me. “A whale couldn’t scratch the steel plates of a steamer never mind sink it,” he said.
6. Ned looked out at a nearby island, spotting a chance to step onto dry land.
7. I am not sure why I defended Nemo, but I did. “Nemo is a brilliant man, and like a lot of brilliant men, he is misunderstood,” I said.
8. I now realized that even though I was afraid, I would also give up my life
IV. Discussion

1. What similarities could you find in Chapter 4 and Chapter 6?
   
   Captain Nemo saved others’ life.

2. Why did Ned and “I” argue again and again?
   
   Because Ned didn’t like live under the sea at all. The only thing he wanted was going back to land at once.

3. Why was Nemo sailing the Nautilus beneath the sea?
   
   Because his country was colonized and he wanted to find treasure for it.

4. Why was the naturalist reluctant to leave the Nautilus?
   
   Because he loved the sea and the Nautilus. It brought him lots of experience and memory.

5. What differences between Nemo and the naturalist have you noticed?
   
   Nemo is more self-confident, equanimity and firmer, and the naturalist is more knowledgeable and informed.

V. Theme and Comment

You are welcomed to express any individual open ideas on 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea.

In my opinion, although 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea is a novel, it expound plenty of biology knowledge as well. In this story, I admire Captain Nemo most. In order to save his country, Nemo went sailing without hesitating. He met so many difficulties, but he never gave up. This book is really worth reading.
Years later, Conseil, Ned, and Pierre reunited at a gala for marine biologists. They stepped through the ballroom’s door in fancy suits and a proud grin, because they knew only the top marine biologists were able to attend this honorable event. And if you get the invitation for this gala, you would be accepted by everyone in the science. Pierre was even able to receive the privilege of reading a speech during the gala.

The three stood around, making polite conversations with other scientists. Even though Ned is only a harpooner with little education, but he won the others’ respect with his humorous personality. A tall man with dark eyes and dressed in an elegant sailor’s uniform came up to greet them. There was something familiar about him, but Pierre couldn’t be quite sure what it was. “Have you ever seen him before, He looks so familiar.” Pierre whispered to Conseil as the tall man turned away. “Nope, I think you’re just too tense about the speech, why don’t you go get a drink and loosen up.” Conseil said as he glanced at the man. The man, as if he knew someone was watching, looked back and stared coldly at Pierre. Well, that was odd, Pierre thought, He was so friendly when he introduced himself. Pierre suddenly felt the urge to go to the lavatory and went out into the hall. Suddenly, a cold chuckle came from behind him, “And you take so much pride in something I helped you with, but there’s no credit for me, right,” a voice rasped in the dark. Pierre turned around and saw the tall man, which was when it hit him. It’s Captain Nemo! He should’ve recognized him from the look in his eyes. “What do you want? You were the one that held us captive, and you didn’t help me with anything. I was the one that spent the days prisoned in your marine observing and taking down the notes.” Pierre replied shakily. “Oh, so now it’s me holding you captive. I give you enough mercy but what do I receive? Nothing! But it’s okay, karma always comes back around.” Pierre stepped back cautiously and ran back into the ballroom without looking back.

“And now, it’s time for our special guest, Pierre to tell us about his bestseller book on marine biology!” The host announced loudly. Pierre, still in shock climbed up the
stair unsteadily onto the platform. “Well, I would like to say thank you to you all for giving me this honor and thank my two good friends over there for accompanying me while I wrote this book,” he hesitated and looked at Nemo standing in the corner, his eyes full of resentment. “But the person I would like to express gratitude to most is Captain Nemo, right there at the corner,” Pierre continued, “He was the one that was generous enough to provide me enough supplies and encouragement to finish this book, And I would say he deserves to deliver this speech more than I do because I wouldn’t be able to write this book without him” he added, choosing his words carefully so their secret about the marine wouldn’t be exposed. Nemo looked up at Pierre, flabbergasted and grateful. Nemo ran up to the stage with his eyes filled with joy.

Afterwards, Nemo pulled Pierre out into the hall and asked him why he did this. “Well,” Pierre said, “you told me that karma comes back and I just realized that you were right, you were the one that provided me the perfect environment for me to make those discoveries, and I couldn’t thank you less. Maybe I was too selfish at the beginning, and also mad at you for the things that happened before. But you’re right, I should give you credit not because I fear you or pity you, because you deserved it.” Nemo pulled Pierre in for a warm hug and thanked him repeatedly; it was the first time in Nemo’s life that anyone gave him the respect and attention he deserved. So it turns out to be a happy ending after all.
Theme Report of 20,000 Leagues under the Sea

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You are suggested consulting the thought-provoking aspects below to fulfill your theme report on 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea.

I. Background Introduction

1. When was the novel set? What were the main events at that time?
   
   1867, a submarine started a journey of seabed

2. What do you know about the author Jules Verne?
   
   A famous French writer.

3. Why is the story entitled 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea? What does the title mean?
   
   It’s the main idea of this story. It predict it will be a mysterious exciting story.

II. Plot analysis

   You’re invited to make a brief illustration related to some chapter(s) of the story which extremely impressed on you.

   Captain Nemo is the story which extremely impressed on me. Because he is a talented knowledgeable person. and he was always be calm when something emergency happened. and he look forward to freedom.

III. Character analysis

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IV. Discussion
1. What similarities could you find in Chapter 4 and Chapter 6?
   - Both of them meet shark and fight with them.

2. Why did Ned and “I” argue again and again?
   - Because Ned always did not believe the narwhal exist in this world.

3. Why was Nemo sailing the *Nautilus* beneath the sea?
   - He wants to search the narwhal.

4. Why was the naturalist reluctant to leave the *Nautilus*?

5. What differences between Nemo and the naturalist have you noticed?

V. Theme and Comment

You are welcomed to express any individual open ideas on *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*.

If you want to deep understanding of this book, now you should pick up this book, because it’s a mysterious book. Every one would dig out something new in this book. Also, every one would had their own view of this book. You would read this book rather than listening my opinion of this book.
Theme Report of *20,000 Leagues under the Sea*

As for science fiction writer, I think Jules Verne is the best. Before I read *20,000 Leagues under the Sea*, I have read another work written by him: *around the World in 80 Days*, which is also famous in the whole world. Verne’s language is humor, and about his description is meticulous. I heard that Verne never went to the deep sea in his life, let alone 20,000 leagues under the sea. But Verne wrote a wonderful fiction to show us the colorful and mysterious underwater world, so we can see his great talent in writing and imagination.

On the one hand, I love each scenario in this book. Some scenarios is very thrilling, such us when their Nautilus under the thick iceberg in Antarctic and only have a little oxygen left, it was very dangerous and emergency, they used many kinds of tools and boiled water make the iceberg melt and crack, then they survived. In Atlantic, Nautilus was in a trouble with a huge octopus, sailors had to fight with it unarmed. They also met fierce shark in Indian Ocean, which sounds crazy! Though life on the sea brings many risks, but shuttle in the sea freely feel really fantastic. You are just like a sea gull, go anywhere you like and anywhere you want. My emotions get ups and downs with the exciting parts.

On the other hand, I can see the power of knowledge and the treasure friendship they have. Captain Nemo is an attractive person; he does well in many things. He always keeps calm and full of wisdom. He is also a kind person; he gives his help to the poor generously. Aronnax is a great biologist, the tour under the sea make him feel the interesting world under the water. With his explanations, readers get clear view of creature under the sea. Conseil and Land are also important characters, one is keen on classification the other is a steak lover:) . But both of them are brave. Without each one of them, the travel won’t be brilliant. Each person has his own special skill, when they are together, no trouble will bother them because the power of everybody is stronger than anyone.

I think this fiction is virtual reality, full of the unique charm of science fiction, make people with great admiration. When you are free, open a book of Verne’s, taste the chapters, it will be a really relaxed good choice.
Theme report of

The Lost World

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Four People on the Way to Explore

——book report for *The Lost World*

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The book *The Lost World* has the property of scientific novels. As a scientific story, it contains knowledge about dinosaurs; while as a novel the writer was trying to portray the characters of the people. As for me, I’d like to fix my eye on the character of people.

The most specific feature of the reporter, in other word, the story teller, is that he was longing for adventures, as an inexperienced young people. However, he also had the weakness of young people, which is rashness and vanity. In some ways, is the rashness that made him have courage of the danger, though it’s the truth that having the courage to meet adventure and keeping curiosity is still very important, especially for the scientific study. And maybe vanity is the shortage of many people. At times rashness and vanity can bring people danger as well as courage, just like the reporter’s situation after going out to discover the main lake.

In my opinion, Professor Challenge was firm and fearless. Facing to the suspicious voice of the crowd, he had never changed his mind. And he proved himself at last. What’s more, different from the reporter, the fearlessness of Professor Challenge was because of his maturity. While reading the novel, I really understand his helplessness and don’t like the head-losing crowd who cannot accept a new idea to exist in the slightest. And when he found out the lost world and became friend instead of enemy with Professor Summerlee, I could finally lift the stone off and was really happy for them.

Professor Summerlee was a true scientist, I think, for his apologize to Professor Challenge. He was against Professor Challenge at first just because of the different opinions they had. As soon as he admitted Professor Challenge’s idea, he could say sorry sincerely. I extremely admire him for this.

I don’t have any idea about Lord John, except for his experienced skills to survive in nature. It’s the skill that I don’t have and I need to collect some knowledge of surviving in the wildness.

Apart from the author and the readers, there were the four people with four kinds of characteristics who explored and discovered “the lost word”. Anyway, their brave action shows that people are willing to explore the nature or find out the truth of the nature.
Reading Assignment for U6 The Lost World

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The Lost World was written by Arthur Conan Doyle. It begins by telling something about the journalist and how the adventure began. This beginning makes me think of a book called 20,000 Leagues under the Sea, Which I just finished reading it less than a month ago. The beginnings are similar.

Then the writer described some incredible thing they saw and what happened to him. They met some unknown creatures which scared them and ape-men who treated them well. It is difficult for me to draw an image in my mind about the unique animals, but what interests me most is the ape-men’s language. I couldn’t find anything which describes something about this, but I am sure they’re not speaking English. If I were the Professor Challenger, I would try to learn their language. When I got back to London, I would teach that language to those who don’t believe my story, in order to prove my adventure, because most people think it difficult to invent a language. It’s just like 20,000 Leagues under the Sea. The two stories’ structure is the same.

Personally, I like this kind of book. But when reading this kind of book, one should have enough patience to get to know about the background at the beginning. And we should read only one Chapter at a time so that we wouldn’t destroy our eyes.
The Lost World Theme Report

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The Lost World was written by Author Conan Doyle, who is better known as the author of The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. He was not a professional writer, but his works were fascinating. He benefited from his childhood experiences, which his mother often told great stories to him. His stories are very logical and unexpected. The topic of dinosaurs and the age they lived in is quite common, but this book is still welcomed by people all over the world.

This book tells a story of an expedition that explored a mysterious prehistoric place. There are four people in the expedition, Prof. Challenger, Prof. Summerlee, Lord John and Edward Malone (me). They have different characters, but they worked together and finished the exploration successfully.

There were only three people in the expedition at first. Not until they arrived at the mysterious place did Prof. Challenger join them. However, this odd and bad-tempered professor is a very important character in the story. In fact, I think that he should be the leader of the team. At first, it was because of his idea of the mysterious castle that the expedition founded. He delivered his speech in a not understandable way, but his attitude towards science and his findings are awesome. He was very self-confident and believed that the castle exists. He was also clever and may be good at psychology, for he persuaded three people who didn't believe in him to go on a quest for the castle in a special way. He suddenly appeared in the mysterious place later, which adds to the histrionic of the story and the complexity of the character.

In contrary to Challenger's radical character, Summerlee was quite conservative. He didn't believe in what Challenger had said until he saw the castle in the flesh. He was also very self-confident that he argued with Challenger again and again. H
believed in actual practice and was mad at testifying things around him. He had a strong body, so he was able to do nearly whatever he wanted.

These two professors have something in common. One is the serious attitude towards science, the other is that they treated people around them equally. For example, they often argued with each other at first, but during that time, they always helped each other as well. After they got to their destination, they didn't argue anymore immediately. Instead, they hugged each other.

Lord John was strong and brave, just like Ned in "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" did. He didn't hesitate when the fierce creature attacked their campsite. He ran to meet it and thrust the blazing branch into its face. He was also modest, for he said "What a rubbish" and laughed when Edward told him that he thought him was a hero. His action and words uplifted the team from several frustrating situations.

Edward was an active and brave reporter. He was always optimistic and seemed to be happy. He wasn't all that strong so the others had to help him to climb on the castle. He was innovative. As a reporter, he always looks for something new and exciting to write about. He sometimes came up with new ideas, such as sketching the map of the place on the top of a tree. He was in the first narrative, which made the story vivid and easy to understand.

This story is similar to the previous one, 20000 Leagues Under the Sea. They are both based on adventure and science fiction. They both have four main characters and each of them have different personalities. The themes of them are both related to teamwork and bravery and various personalities.
The Lost World Theme Report

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Except The Lost World, I’ve read a few adventure novels before, but none of them gave me such strong feelings of no-name excitement and fulfillment I felt throughout and after reading this one. Unconsciously, it played so important a part in my heart that my opinion on adventure novels totally changed because of it. So in the following report, I decide to give a list of features and qualities a good adventure novel is most likely to possess based on the novel The Lost World.

1. Two contrasting sides and a final agreement between them after a lot of quarrels. Professor Challenger and Professor Summerlee are undoubtedly the two main contrasting figures in this novel. Professor Challenger, the big demanding bullhead-man, never doubted the existence of the mysterious plateau and the prehistoric creatures while Professor Summerlee, with his cold scornful tone, never believed it at first. The two old enemies created a lot of fun by quarrelling with each other even in the harshest situations, which made the story much livelier and more readable. When the unforgettable night of pterodactyl attack arrived, when the two old enemies shook hands for the first time in their lives, I couldn’t describe the wonderful feelings of seeing hatred disappearing and trust and friendship being built in front of me. From then on, whenever the two professors agreed with each other, I could feel the fulfillment and warmth growing in my heart, which urged me to keep reading.

2. A team of people with various characters and specialties. The expedition team consisted of four men with huge differences. Professor Challenger, just like his name, was always enthusiastic and promoted on the things he loved. A person who could think up a plan of cutting down a huge tree to cross a valley like him was clever indeed. Professor Summerlee, on the other hand, was always in his stiff and sarcastic mode, ready to surprise you with his usual “How interesting” even in deadly peril.
The calm and brave Lord John was the one I liked best. “There was something about Lord John’s quiet authority that made even the great Challenger obey.” With his experienced mind and love of nature, he solved disasters after disasters and finally made the exploration a huge success. Malone, the narrator, was reckless and restless. He had an enthusiasm of making himself famous and praised but the lack of courage and brightness often prevented him from realizing his dreams. The two cold men the two hot men made up the team, and the switching of characters never bored me while reading the novel.

3. A pack of disasters come and gone. From the pterodactyl attacks to the allosaurus nightmare, from the wild chase to the dinosaur trap, the four men truly experienced a lot of thrills and managed to live on every time. It seemed that there was always someone there, ready to rescue them in the last minute. I was involved so deeply in the story that I felt like riding a roller coaster as the main characters being pushed to the brink of their death and finally surviving. The plot design kept readers excited from the beginning to the end and finally gave them a strong feeling of happiness as the exploration came to a successful end.

It’s easy to notice that the first two features are about organizing characters and the last one is about designing plots. It is certain that a good adventure novel must be of much more good qualities than listed, but I suppose that every good novel (not only adventure novels) have to possess those three features. If so, the meaning of this report is realized.
It is true that many people are eager of adventure and many people dream of being famous. Ed Malone was one of them. As a reporter, he was dying to report the scoop of the century. Finally he was sent to interview Professor Challenger. Then he set out with Professor Challenger, Professor Summerlee and Lord John Roxton to find the lost world.

In the story they found many amazing places and marvelous creatures. During the time in the lost world they had experienced many difficulties together. The area was so fantastic that it was really hard to believe it unless you see it yourself. The four people gradually became good friends and companies. After reading the story, what impressed me most are the different and attractive characters of each person.

Professor Challenger was a frank person. He was kind of rude but, just as his name, he did a lot of exploration and no one can deny that he did have professional knowledge and experiences. Sometimes he was like a little child, however, when it was time to explore he could never be the last one. It was obvious that no matter kind character he had, there was true love for science and expedition.

Professor Summerlee was not the kind of person Challenger was. He was mean in some ways and he was more cautious. At first he was strongly against Professor Challenger’s words. He kept arguing with Professor Challenger and even mocked him frequently. However, when he saw what Challenger said about the lost world, exactly with his eyes, he didn’t hesitate or avoid the topic on purpose to hold his pride. Instead he admitted his mistakes at once and apologized to Professor Challenger sincerely. After that they almost never argued again and became good friends. I think this showed Professor Summerlee’s professional scientific spirit. He wouldn’t deny the truth because of his self- reasons. He was loyal and faithful to the truth. This was the most commendable thing about Professor Summerlee.

John was a calm and trustworthy person. He was always humorous, even in the hard time. There wouldn’t be someone better than him to keep company during an expedition. He was friendly, brave and clever. Without him, the expedition wouldn’t end successfully. He really played an important role in the expedition.

The last person, Ed Malone, was the most complicated one. On the one hand, he was eager of being famous and reporting the scoop of the century, which resulted in his taking risk on his own. On the other hand, he was not a philistine people as we usually think of someone who wants to be famous. When accidents happened, and when his friends were in danger, he never left them to survive himself but always chose to rescue them. At the end of the story, after all the unbelievable experiences, it seemed that being famous was not his destination anymore. He gained more than money and reputation during the journey. It would certainly be a great piece of
memory that never fades away.

At my point of view, the story is really successful in molding characters. All in all, it is a wonderful novel with attractive characters and amazing imagination. It really made me use my own imagination to imagine the special creatures and the environment. It also left me guessing a lot about the lost world.

THE LOST WORLD

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Imagination is more important than knowledge, has the imagination is a valuable asset, is having the power to transform the world, always maintain a childlike innocence not. Conan Doyle obviously create a magical world that cannot be seen in the world. People usually only dark by him as an excellent detective novelist, but may not notice that he is also a great science fiction writer, but <the lost world> is so great that it make the audience know the talent he show in science fiction. It out and out in the fictional a lustrous and dazzling, full of the unknown and mystery, adventure and challenges of the adventure story, but the story is so exciting, fascinating, I can’t help myself reading it.

On the cover of the book, there is a dragon flying at a high speed across the sky. It made me puzzled, it’s obviously that Conan Doyle is a famous detective novelist. I think it must be a terrorist or a hacker in a modern city on the cover of the book.

The team came to explore the lost world. It’s clearly that it will be dangerous. They have to face all kind of dragon, they don’t have enough tools that worked. So, they should unite. So I think the result of escaping the lost world successfully is inevitable. In our daily life, maybe, there are lots of differences between my company and me. But when we face the same challenge, we must work peacefully to come up with the solution. Nowadays, our school assign us lots of task that should finish with team. Although we may have different ideas, but, we have the same goal -- that is improve our ability. I think it’s necessary to have this ability. Because it’s one of the most important ability in social.

In my opinion, some detail is humour, such as page 79. When I saw the picture, I can’t stop laughing. As I read “we’d all be whisked into the sky like a string of sausages.” It made me remember me of the hard time they stay in the lost world. It shows the happiness that they might escape the world successfully.

In a word, Conan certainly did a good job, he leave the audience guessing and make the audience feel they are in a real situation. When I read the book, although I knew it’s unreal, I just felt I am one of the team and had an unforgettable experience.
Theme Report of THE LOST WORLD

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The story of THE LOST WORLD is like this. Explorer Professor Challenger is taking quite a beating in the London press thanks to his claim that living dinosaurs exist in the far reaches of the Amazon. Newspaper reporter Edward Malone learns that this claim originates from a diary given to him by fellow explorer Maple White's daughter, Paula. Malone's paper funds an expedition to rescue Maple White, who has been marooned at the top of a high plateau. Joined by renowned hunter John Roxton, and others, the group goes to South America, where they do indeed find a plateau inhabited by pre-historic creatures, one of which they even manage to bring back to London with them.

Can’t imagine Arthur Conan Doyle could write out a novel about dinosaurs. In my mind he was the creator of Sherlock Holmes, but not a writer for science fiction. It’s a great success as movies and TV shows were shot according to this amazing story. Edward, the main character of this story, is a brave man who loves adventure. He catches the opportunity of seeing the lost world and at last he really does. We should be like him in our daily life, always look forward to the future, and catch our chance to do what we like, instead of living a featureless life. Also we should be like the professor, who never doubts himself even if nobody believes him about the lost world. We are supposed to have faith in ourselves.
Theme Report of *The Lost World*

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*The Lost World* is a novel written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, telling an adventurous expedition to a plateau in South America, on which prehistoric animals still survive. The plots are complicated but attractive and the descriptions are vivid. However, after reading this book, what impressed me most was one of the main characters——Professor Challenger.

At the beginning of the story, the writer gives me an image that Professor Challenger is just a furious fellow who can do nothing but roaring and waving his fist. As we all know, as a scientist, a forceful proof always speaks louder than shouting. But Challenger is absolutely a negative example.

His image in my mind was almost completely ruined when “we” opened the envelope and find no instructions. It seemed that Challenger was certainly a shameless fraud as Professor Summerlee said. Well, as I found out later, it was the writer’s intention to make this suspense so that the contrast between Challenger’s bad image and his great behavior in the next part of the story can be sharper.

In the expedition, Challenger played an important role, from which we can see that he has many great virtues. Firstly, there is no doubt that he is quite brave, for he never showed fear to any creature during the expedition. In addition, he is so optimistic that he even influenced others. For example, His optimism and enthusiasm had made the journalist’s terrors disappear several times. Furthermore, he is full of good ideas. It was he who came up with the way to cross the plateau. It was he who tried to make them escape from the plateau by a balloon (Although he did not success).

In conclusion, in spite of challenger’s bad temper, he is a true scientist. His spirit of exploring is worth learning. And it’s commendable that he can insist on his own opinion when everyone is satirizing and laughing at him. There is a lesson in his perseverance.
Theme Report of The Lost World

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When the first time I looked at the surface of the book "The Lost World", what struck me was the author "Arthur Conan Doyle". I have to be honest that this is the reason i read the book immediately after getting it.

Form this book, it was about a junior reporter Ed Malone, who was not satisfied with the dull life and wanted some risks and adventures, and Professor Challenger, a rude strong man who caused the expedition and also the first one that showed the lost world to the world, his enemy, Professor Summerlee who was dry old stick, but surprisingly tough, Lord John Roxton, who volunteered to attend this dangerous trip was a brave and fearless adventurer. The four totally different person made a team and during the adventure, all of them had made a great change.

In my opinion, Malone’s first purpose was become famous by reporting this adventure, also he wanted to try something excited. When they had no choice except keeping on going, he was terrified and from this we can see a cowardly man. This is why i don’t like him at first. However, he decided to see the lake by himself at midnight, we could only say “how brave he was!”. But what impressed me so much was his thirst for proving he was a real man. He was eager to get other’s praises and admit, it feels like that he was not confident enough, and his life was not like what he thought it would be.

As for Professor Challenger and Summerlee, they were used to be enemy. However, during this ‘journey’, they must be the best friends in the world. Although they had argument, they also became more and more closer. They admitted their mistakes because they cared about others. The person that really understand you may also be your enemy.

Lord John was a mystery. He was a real adventurer. He knew almost everything about the nature, and full of experience. Without him, the others would die in the lost world and no one would find them, their expedition would be a joke. John’s calm when they were in danger also impressed me so much. He even talked jokes when others were terrified and nearly lost hope. It needed courage. Maybe John’s life was somebody’s looking forward to.

"The Lost World" was just like "Sherlock Holmes", the other famous book Conan Doyle had written. We can’t find a lot of breathtaking scenes, but what we feel and
what we get from the book is endless.

### Theme Report of The Lost World

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Traveling over the world is my dream. I have ever dreamed of going to somewhere very special just like the lost world. Maybe I will become an explorer someday. Obviously, the story is impossible in the reality, but I think that’s the reason why this book attracts me so much.

The reason why I want to have an adventure is not quite like this. I just want to see the unexplored world, but for both the Challenger and “I”, they both want to prove themselves, one want to prove he’s not a liar, one want to prove he can write “the scoop of the century”. That may be the motivation of them to start the exploring.

Professor Challenger, as his name show, is definitely a person who wants to challenge and is eager to get through his challenges. He just found the plateau by accident and to prove his honest, he began his trip to an unknown world. I don’t think he is born for guts, in other way, I think his bravery was given by his determination of chasing the truth of the science.

The person who impressed most is “me”, a rookie reporter who want to be well-known. He found his lost bravery in the lost world at last. He just imagined his great work would be written one day and try his best to make his dream come true. I think this action need guts because he’s not a professional explorer, and he had a lot of other ways of being famous or report the breaking news. He can wait for the chance, but he chose another way to not follow the by fate, but hold his life and future in his own hand. He chose to face the unknown and the difficulties, make himself strong and powerful when face the challenge. In my opinion, the unknown is the most horrible things in the world, but he get over the fear with his strong willpower and determination. After he started his adventure, he made his efforts to catch up with other three experienced partners. His bravery of struggling in the rainforest, facing the situation of no water and on supplies all makes him stronger. He did bravely when save the professor from the ape-man attacking, go to explore the lake on his own truly means a lot to his personality. I bet that he got more from the trip than write a scoop of the century, he made himself a brave and conscientious man after this amazing trip.

Maybe we will never go to the lost world in the lifetime. The story is not real. But who cares that? The book tells me to chase my dream and never give up. We should keep moving on the road of our pursuit. No matter how bad things happen, if
we can face the challenge with brave heart and faith, nothing could stop you. When
the chances come, capture it, don't let it go. When the difficulties come, beat it, don't
sneak away.
Theme report of the Lost World

‘I need adventure!’ A young reporter said. And an interesting story began.

With a great interest in the adventure and palaeobiology, I search the Lost World in Chinese version and read again. Differ from the GE using most of space to describe the way they explored the Lost World, the original work put a big effort on creating the characters.

Edward D Malone was a powerful young man. If I had never read the original version of this book, I would regard him as a man who loved risking his life needlessly. In fact, he asked for an adventure because of his fiancée, she wanted to married a man who did something world famous. The irony is she married a bank clerk at last when Malone in another side of world, she said she couldn’t bear a man left her for the adventure. So I found it was very funny that marriage is a contradiction. For this character, I thought he had a great spirit of trust. Although there were countless reporters and scientists jeered at Professor Challenger, he believed him and didn’t fear others’ question and the difficulties. For another reason I liked him, he was a real English gentleman, polite and tolerant.

Professor Challenger is a downright challenger. When I read the words described him ‘He had an enormous bull-like hed, and a long, black rippling beard’ I wondered ‘Was he a scientists but an ape?’ The following text approved my supposition. This character overturned the impression of scientists in my mind which just like Professor Summerlee. Professor Challenger was moody, humorous and energetic. He always came up with some amazing ideas. When he wanted to use the hydrogen to leave the plateau, I thought he should be an inventor but a biologist.

Lord John was different with other three in the expedition. They were enthusiastic about the science and adventure, but this kind of craze made them easy to get into troubles. A professional explorer needs an ability to be calm and careful all the time, and it was obviously Lord John had this ability. He saved the expedition for many times, I thought he was the real core of the four-man team.

Professor Summerlee was a complicated character. If you just read through the book, you might think he is stubborn and cowardly when he faced the challenge in the scientific area and dangerous situation. But I thought he was brave and honest. When professor Challenger asked him to go to Amazon. He agreed without hesitate. When he heard the drums of Indian, he didn’t feared. The things moved me most was when he realized there were alive iguanadon in the world. He said sorry to Professor Challenger and asked for his forgive. In my mind, admitting your own fault needs courage. Professor Summerland was a brave man.

I wondered why Arthur Conan Doyle wrote a scientific fantasy, and I didn’t get the clue until I finished reading. But the Lost World made me guess and use my imagination as well as Holmes Series.
Theme report of The lost world Chapter 9&10

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Soon after settling down with the cave dwellers, they found that the cave dwellers don’t want them to go back and want them to get used to their lifestyle and be in the lost world forever. However, they underestimate the capability of the explore-squad. Professor Challenge, the leader of the squad, and also a strange genius always full of amazing ideas. This time, he shows his talent again by inventing such a strong parachute. Fortunately that the ropes don’t strong enough or they will smash into pieces after enjoying the wonderful feeling of flying in the sky for a little while. The professor is the most vivid character in this novel. He is always the man with odd ideas and the man bad-tempered. But he is also creative and imaginative and the man brings us a lot of laughter. His special humor impresses me the most.

As professor Challenge is so satisfied with his great “success”, while others are so confused to his pleasant, Princess gives them the significant clue to the tunnel to the free. Another time, their talent and smartness surprised me. They found out the correct way finally by those difficult marks. Throughout the whole trip, not only is it heart-taking and attractive but also dangerous and difficult. However the talent and intelligence shows naturally and obviously. I am so fascinated to see that.

After arriving at London, Professor Challenge spoke once again at the Zoological Institute. Although a great deal of proofs are missing on their way home, luckily that the strongest proof is still there, a live pterodactyl, which makes the speech flawless. It do again praises Professor Challenge’s insistence. The truth will always come out in the wash at last.
Theme report of the Lost World

Well, I’d like to say something about the part 4 and part 5. In my opinion, these 2 parts are that kind of linking part, connecting the real world to the lost world.

The 2 chapters describe about how the whole exploring team entered into the lost world on the plateau and why they were trapped there. And the 2 chapters insist on revealing the reactions to various species from different characters, especially when they were in front of the dangerous pterodactyl’s nesting place. Therefore I’d like to give some analyses on the characters based on the plot.

First, let’s talk about Challenger. His rudeness and self arrogance spilt out from his words, his behaviors, almost everything related to him. For example, he liked to give condescending smiles and boast his greater minds. I was originally thought that he was such a wiseacre that I felt sick of getting on with him. However, I soon realize that he was mad about science from his words “To us, a tick is a beautiful work of nature, to be studied, not be stamped on.” Those strong and powerful reflects his respect for science although he was actually satirizing the reporter’s opinion of equaling tick to filthy creature. Besides, the professor did have a sharp mind as he noticed the tree which could be the bridge earlier than anyone else. Thus we can see, everyone must have a glittering point no matter how bad he is.

As for the reporter, he was just too young. Though he looked like a coward in the team as he was afraid of everything, I never doubt his bravery because when he chose to join the team, he’d already got that sort of consciousness of death. I think he just need some time to adapt to environment.

What’s more? There’s no deny that all of the explorers were very professional and they all could devote their lives to the study of truth and never made their curiosity stop. Inspired by the team, I’m sure the future is bright for them.

I like the book because I love fantasy novels. To dig further more, I think Sometimes the ability of inferencing, calm, courage, and the spirit of exploring are things we must have on the way to the truth. And we have to carry on despite all the difficulties. The main idea of the book is just about adventuring so I like it very much.
Theme report of the Lost World

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A marvelous prehistoric world came alive in my imagination while I was reading the fiction *The Lost World*. The tale of the adventure to an ancient wilderness concealed in Amazon made me mad with great excitement and I’m utterly willing to believe it does exist in the real world. I hope to see a ban of pterosaurs soaring into sky from the primeval forest and plesiosaurs gliding gracefully through the lake shone silver in the moonlight. And I wish to chat with ape-men in trees and learn drawing from Stone Age people in caves.

Everytime I read a science fiction about an unknown world, such as *the Lord of the Rings*, *Journey to the Centre of the World* and so on, I’m blown away by the fascinating imagination of the story. It is imagination that raises me above the dull daily life and lights a bonfire in my spiritual world.

I bet one of the most absorbing stories about the world of mysteries is *Peach-Blossom Spring* by Tao Yuanming of the Eastern Jin Dynasty. And I’m also dead willing to believe in the idea that there’s an isolated village which remains peaceful and pure in perpetuity, because it plants the seeds of good wishes for a wonderful life deep in my heart.

Though the real life is always ordinary as days go by like a calm stream, the imagination can nourish our inner world and lead us to discover the invisible sides of the real world. And this is the magic of imagination, which makes our life extraordinary.
Theme Report For *The Lost World*

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**About the Author**

Arthur Conan Doyle was a Scottish physician and writer. He was famous for his stories about the detective Sherlock Holmes. He also wrote many stories about adventures of Professor Challenger (*The Lost World* is one of them). In general, he was a prolific writer whose other works include science fiction stories, plays, and romances, even in poetry, non-fiction and historical novels.

**Character analysis**

Professor Challenger, the narrator of *The Lost World*. And everyone was deeply impressed by his bellowing, roaring and rumbling voice. In many ways, he is rude, crude, and without social conscience. But, he loves challenges, just like his name. He is brave and I think he is a man capable of great loyalty and his love.

Professor Summerlee, he is Challenger’s old enemy, and doesn’t believe Challenger’s discovery at the beginning. But after he has met the creature in South America, he notices that Challenger is right, and makes an apology to him. He is one of the four people who go to the South America.

(Lord John Roxton, is a supporting character in this book.)

(Edward Malone, the “I” in this book. “I” work for the Daily Gazette and is a reporter who wants to report some big news.)

**Comment and the influence of this book**

The book tells us an adventure story of four explorers, each of them has a different reason for their journey.

I admire Professor Challenger very much, although he has the bad temper, he still has lots of advantage, such as he is a brave man and He has the spirit of challenge.
Form the beginning we can know that his discovery is not accepted by most people but he still want to keep on improving his discovery instead of giving up. I think we should learn from his perseverance. Sometimes, our idea is not acceptable by others; we shouldn’t easily change only because it is not acceptable. Long time ago, Copernicus's heliocentric theory is not acceptable, either. We should believe ourselves. And Challengers’ success tells us “Where there is a will, there is a way”.

Professor Summerlee is also a great professor. He can express his own views instead of just booing with other people when Challenger is speaking. Although Summerlee and Challenger are the enemy, dare to tell their opinions is the common of their personality. What’s more, Summerlee makes an apology to Challenger after he knows Challenger is right and he is wrong. These are what we should do in our life.

This book can be considered as “the lost book” of Conan Doyle. This book is not as famous as the *Sherlock Holmes*, but the book still influences lots of writers and scenarists. Disney’s famous movie *Up* is adapted from *The Lost World* (though the movie is quite different from the book).
Theme report of the Lost World

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Sir Conan Doyle was not only interested in detective novel, but also had a favor in science-fiction stories. This book, <the lose world> is a representative of his science-fiction work.

The story tells a band of adventures, a young reporter; Ed Malone, Professor Challenger, Professor Summerlee and hunter Lord John Roxton are going on an expedition to prove the existence of a lost world.

The four people each have totally different characters, and when the story contains them all. It is designed to be a fascinating book. During the adventure, they met dangerous, death, suspicion and deceive, but also the excitant discover, friendship, selfless helping and trust. Towards their eyes, we have a chance to cast a glance at so many strange creatures and even those that have already ecocided. The novel is both accurate and emotional. It is expressive. But what enchant people most is the whole soul – stirring adventure. The plateau was not marked on the map, it is a mystery. And what is most attractive, unknown. The author caught this magic spot and caught the reader’s heart. I believe we are experiencing exactly the same feeling as the characters in the story.

Sir Conan Doyle is a great author who can bring science and charm together, and even bring the dinosaurs back to life. I also believe that his work expressed the willing of exploring the unknown, And the pure curiosity for mysteries and puzzles which is born with human. But nowadays, everybody lost themselves in work or exams. They lost their passion to discovery and make curiosity seems only for children. But actually, it is a commendable human nature, which is only buried up by the pressure of life and study. I sincerely hope that Conan Doyle’s stories can inspire people’s interest enthusiasm for unknown, and make everyone start wondering. For me, the heartbeat I feel when I see the mysterious is solved about our world is the uppermost reason why I enjoyed it so much.
Many children had dreamed of going back to the prehistoric time and seeing dinosaurs on their own in their childhood, me is not an exception. The book *The lost World* is such a mysterious story that I can still remember every scenes in the book after I finishing reading it.

The book is mainly about four persons’ exploration to the South America in order to find the lost world and the difficulties they have come across through the whole journey.

The four main characters in the book all give me an unforgettable impression, especially the Professor Challenger. At the beginning of the adventure, Professor Challenger shows up as a very rude and violent people with no precise proofs to his theory of the lost world. He even want to fight with anyone who against his conclusion! How dare he can! ,I think as professor Challenger saying this kind of words in the speech. I do not like him and even hate him a little bit and my instinct tells me that he is not a good man as he whimsically appeared on the exploring ship. However, I do not change my hatred of him until Professor Summerlee discovers the pterodactyl himself and apologize to Professor Challenger and then Challenger accept it peacefully. I gradually change my mind of Challenger from that time. In the latter part of the adventure, Challenger is always the one who encourages everybody when they seems to lose hope. What a pity! My instinct is false and it tells me I can not judge a person with his or her appearance and behavior .It is Challenger’s inspiration of never giving up that impresses me the most.

In my opinion, the theme of this book is never giving up, trying to believe others and cooperating with other people. I guess each of the character’s name represent a different personality, such as Challenger stands for trying to challenge things, Summerlee means a soft person , Lord John is the lord of the nature and has skillful outdoor living methods and so on. From the adventure Challenger and his fellows meet comes a old saying, where there is a will there is a way!

I hope I will become an extraordinary person as Challenger in the future and will make my all effort to do the thing I want to accomplish.
Theme report of the Lost World

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1. about the author

The author of this book is Arthur Conan Doyle. Conan Doyle was born in 1859 in Edinburgh, Scotland. He was famous for his detective novels, because he created the classic image of Holmes. Although he was good at writing detective novels, Conan Doyle also wrote some other kind novels, such as historical novel and love story. Because of his great contribution to England, Arthur Conan Doyle was awarded the baronage in 1902. Arthur Conan Doyle was not a professional writer, he was a doctor in his early years. He received a bachelor’s degree in medicine when he was 22 years old. People also think that his doctor identity was the key to his success in detective novels. But Arthur Conan Doyle was shown out of the ordinary literary talent when he was very young and he wrote his first novel in 1884. However, his road of literature was not smooth sailing. His novel “a study in scarlet” was refused to be published by the publishing house four times, but he didn’t give up, finally he became one of the most famous novelists in the history of the detective novels, and he was known as the father of detective stories.
2. about the book

“The Lost World” was published by Oxford Paperbacks. This adventure story tells the tale of four explorers, each with very different characteristics and a different reason for their journey. Professor Challenger is a bad-tempered scientist, but he also has the adventurous spirit, just like his name “Challenger”, he is good at facing the challenges during their adventures. Professor Summerlee is a calm and stubborn scientist, and before the adventure, he and professor challenger were enemies who have different views. Lord John is a field explorer who has rich experience. I, the hero of this book, is a reporter who want to be famous by reporting some exciting news.

One highlight of this book was the story was adapted into movies, and the film had also been remade many times.

This book showed us a wonderful fantasy world, this book was filled with the author’s great imaginations. When readers read this book, they may thought thronged their mind too.

3. my feeling

When I was reading this imaginative book, I thought I was in that lost world too, and see those strange creatures by myself too. The character in this book has
distinct personality, so we can our classmates’ shadows form them. This book also showed a kind of spirit in it, that is the adventurous spirit. The expedition met a great deal of dangerous situations, but they didn’t give up, instead of it, they stayed calm and tried to solve the problems. We can also learn from this spirit. In our daily life, we may meet some troubles, at this time, we should not lose our sense. We should believe that all the troubles can be solved, and we can success.
The feel of finish the book *The lost world*

*The lost world* is a novel. Although it can’t be a mirror of the social reality and can’t make us have a deep think. It can give us reverie and aftertaste. This book told us an amazing, unbelievable and secret’s exploration story. This story is so interesting that make me hard to put it down.

The writer Conan Doyle who is wrote the book *The lost world*, is famous for his book *Sherlock Holmes*. He is not only a famous detective novelist, but also a famous science fiction novelist. The lost world is a represent of his science fiction novel and it became the classic.

Imagination is always more important than the knowledge. It’s a treasure for you having much imagination. It’s a power makes you can transform the world. When we have amazed and solemn from the book, we make our world become colorful. And that can make us get more understanding. We will also understand this world more deeply.
The book tells a story of discovering a hidden world.

Professor challenger tells an audience all about the dinosaurs his discovered in what he calls the ‘lost world’. As he has no proof other than a dubious photograph, no one believes him at first. So he sets the challenge for a team to go and visit it for themselves.

I have seen many books about dinosaurs and human, but I used to focus my eyes on the interesting dinosaurs. After reading, I thought more about the four explorers.

The four explorers, each with very different characteristics and different reasons for their journey. Malone, a reporter who had few works but was urgent to be famous, is very close to my life I think. He snatched at every chance to join the team even if paid with his lives. Although his purpose was not to prove the lost world. I still admire his spirit of considering about his prospects.

Challenger is the prime mover in the whole matter. He was being frozen out by the audience. But he holed his ground, fearless and unflinching. He was confidence to every position they met and never fear.

In this team, each one had played his appropriate part. Even Professor Summer lee and Lord John became friends when they truly saw dinosaurs.

When we are facing dangerous, everyone in the scene should be sticking together. As long as we are united, there is no difficulty we cannot overcome.
Theme Report of The Lost World

The writer of The Lost World is Arthur Conan Doyle. We know him because his famous Sherlock Holmes. But The Lost World is a famous book too.

The main characters are Professor Challenger, Lord John Roxton, Professor Summerlee and ‘I’. I wanted to find an adventure, so I went to a meeting that held by Professor Challenger. Then the four main characters went to the South Africa to find the lost world. In South Africa, they met a lot of dangers. Lord John Roxton was a brave and friendly person, with his help they overcame lots of difficulties. The most amazing thing was they found dinosaurs. It might sound exciting, but the reality was dinosaurs could be seen everywhere! At the end of their exploration, they were all caught by ape, except I. Roxton got away from ape, he and I saved other people with the cavemen’s help. In the end, they found the exit and came back to London. After they arrived in London, they took an egg of dinosaurs to prove that they discovered an amazing world. But the egg soon became a pterosaur and flew out into the ocean.

The story tells us what we should do when we meet dangers. When they met dinosaurs and ape, they were almost killed. I think the most important thing is they kept calm and they united as one. When someone got into trouble, they would try them best to help him out. We should learn these advantages. If we keep calm and help each other when we face problems, how powerful we are!
Theme report of

*David Copperfield*

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I read the book David Copperfield. The story traces the life of David from childhood to maturity. David was born six months after the death of his father. David spends his early years with his mother and their housekeeper, Peggotty.

Then his mother re-married, David disliked his stepfather and was sent away to a boarding school, Salem House. The school was shabby and the headmaster, Mr. Creakle, was ruthless.

When David was ten years old, his mother died. His cruel stepfather sent David to work in a factory in London. Soon he ran away. He walked from London to Dover, where he finds his only relative, his unmarried, eccentric aunt Betsey Trotwood. She agrees to raise him. In spite of strict, his aunt taught him many things.

After David grow to adulthood, he married the beautiful Dora Spenlow, who died early in their marriage. David then searched his soul and married the sensible Agnes, who had always loved him and with whom he finds true happiness.

David had a hard passage. He met many people of good will or a lot of unfriendly men. His life had been better and better.

As long as we have a good heart, we shall succeed in our life.
Theme Report of *David Copperfield*

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These days, I read the novel *David Copperfield*. It was written by Charles Dickens, one of the most famous English writers in middle centuries. His best known works including *Oliver Twist* and *A Christmas Carol*. This book is based on his own experience.

The background is based on England in middle century. David Copperfield’s father had died before he was born, leaving his mother, a servant and young David. Although he doesn’t have a father, but his mother and servant are very kind to him. This was until the Murdstones appeared. Mr. Murdstone marries to David’s mother, but he is very cruel to his mother and David. His sister is even worse. Later David is sent to a school. He meets a few friends there, including Steerforth. But soon his mother dies, and David has to leave the school and work in a factory of the Murdstones. He can’t bear the life there, so he runs away and go to live with his aunt Betsey. His aunt is a quite good woman and she introduces David to her lawyer, Mr.Wickfield and his daughter, Agnes. David beats Uriah Heep, a villain who plans to ruin Mr.Wickfield and marry Agnes. Finally David marries with Agnes and they live with Aunt Betsey happily ever after.

I personally think this book is a little familiar with *Jane Eyre*. The experience of the main character is nearly the same. Of course I don’t mean that *David Copperfield* is the same with *Jane Eyre*, the most important difference is the theme that the writer wants to show. *Jane Eyre* is mainly about the improve of social position of women, and women begin to master their own life instead of rely on men. *David Copperfield* talks more about the life of the poor in that time, and the humanity. for example, the Murdstones and Uriah Heep, they are very mean and cruel, in the last they receive the judgment. And there’s something about Steerforth. It’s hard to say that weather he’s a good person or a bastard, because he’s very complex. in one hand, he helps David a lot, in the other hand, he does harm to Ham and Emily. I prefer to say that he is macaroni. He does things just for fun.

Well, I think that’s all I want to say about this book. Actually, I don’t have a strong feeling about this book. Maybe I just need to read it again to know more.
David Copperfield theme report

I got angry when I saw David was abused by his stepfather. Mr. Mudstone considered him as a bad boy and always “correcting” him. Meanwhile, David’s mother was trapped like a cage bird. Firstly, I don’t think people should be defined in his early age. Because man's nature at birth is good. A child's personality is determined by how you educate him. Mr. Mudstone’s behavior can not correct him but left shadow in David’s mind.

Destiny is controlled in our own hands. David and his mom were abused by Mr. Mudstone. But David had the courage to against him and lives with Miss Betsey. As we see, his mom became a woman without thinking gradually. If David submitted to Mr. Mudstone, he won’t have a happy life.

His life didn’t have a happy beginning, but it didn’t determine who he was.
THEME REPORT OF DAVID COPPERFIELD

Who could have guessed that little David Copperfield would at last gain happiness?

David Copperfield is the protagonist of the fiction, which was written by the famous writer Charles Dickens. It tells an integrated and encouraging story to all of us, after I have read the story, I am really glad with the boy, David Copperfield. He was born in Suffolk and his father had died six months before he was born, his mom was nearly all alone in the world. His early childhood was full of great fun, but all this changed since Mr. Murdstone married his mother and then lived with them. This cold man bullied his mother and often crushed the little boy. Things get worse when his sister came to live with them. They were just the same. Absolutely, little David really got countless pain both on his body and his soul. The harm can not be imagined that happened on a child!

He was really strong. Although David did not have a happy childhood, his housekeeper Peggotty and his great aunt Betsey looked after him or helped him very much which changed his latter life.

Things did not get better in a few years. David was banished to a boarding school, where he was insulted by someone, and the environment was bad. However, he made some good friends here, such as Steerforth, who was his best companion in the next few years.

While the change finally came, he then looked his aunt Betsey for help, and he escaped from the power and control of Murdstone. He was all free!! He can do what ever he want, the whole world seemed can not be better! He then was sent to a totally different school, where he found everything got much better.

After he graduated from school, he started to struggle in the society. There were so many unsure factors in the world he had to face, his life was never smooth, there were always a great number of ups and downs, so this is the true life. He experienced a lot, his job, his mind, his goal, there was always a fluctuation. So many difficult things, but he finally made it. He got a happy ending, finally he understood the world much more, he found a right person to stay with. Although there was something difficult, although there was something cruel... But yeah, he can have a wide smile at the end, it was not easy to go through this hard life.

According to this book, this life, what can we learn about? In my views, it is
endurance. Seeds hibernate in the thick ground waiting for the whole winter, just expect to flower and then be mature. It needs endurance. For us, it is the same. We may get into trouble, we may lose confidence or we may be failed? Are these things important? We just need to put up with all of these, and never give up, we can wait for the opportunity, we can believe things will always get better, just like David. Let us keep this hope.

**Reading after David Copperfield**

David Copperfield had lived with his mother since he was young because his father dead before he was born. David's mom got married with Mr. Murdstone, who didn't like David and wasn't liked by David at all. Mr. Murdstone made David to live in his housekeeper, Peggotty's home, where he knew Emily and Ham.

As he miss his mother too much, Mr. Murdstone allowed David go back home but he treated him brutally. After David's mom dead, Mr. Murdstone even asked David to be a child laborer. Fortunately, David found his aunt Betsey. She was a little bit strange but she was totally kind. She offered David to go to university and David got on pretty well with her and her daughter Agnes.

Afterward, David married Dora, who was Mr. Sperlow's daughter. However, they didn't feel felicity. Before long, Dora had serious disease and dead. David became a writer and went back to England after 3 years. He realize that Agnes still love him so he got married with her. They lived with Aunt Betsey and housekeeper Peggotty satisfactorily.
From the book, I learnt a lot. When we have trouble, we should be optimistic. The things can always become better in the end. All we need to do is to insist on our belief. We should have courage to fight with evilness and we can’t give in to it. We need to make some true friends, so that we can live more colorful. What’s more, we need have a dream and try our best to realize it!
Sherlock Holmes was an outstanding detective who had a powerful brain. During the time with Dr Watson, he had solved so many cases that I cannot count. The case which interested me is about a blue carbuncle. Because of Holmes’s intelligence, he could make full use of all clues that have found. In addition, as he was thinking about this case, he became calmer and more sensible than other ordinary detectives. So the unusual cases couldn’t bother him so much, and he would deduce the clues in turn.
until he worked out it.

After reading these stories, I think it is very necessary for everyone to face the problem sensibly. If people do not like being deep in thought, they will find it hard to solve a problem. So we should learn from Holmes. Another thing which I believe is Justice and kindness, that’s all the detective should have. If a detective doesn’t solve cases with his sensible brain, the cases will not be handled properly, and the people who suffered from the disaster will not get clean during his life, as well the people who are evil will never be punished. I do believe Holmes is such a good person as I thought.

Well, that’s all. In a word, I have learned a lot from Holmes.

Adventure of Sherlock Holmes theme report

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When I was young, I heard Sherlock Holmes was very magical person. After reading the book these days. I think it’s true. When I first finished reading it, I couldn’t get out from the wonderful plots.

In the book Holmes solved almost all the problems he met. He is the person who never gave up. When he met a difficulty, he would think and work about it until he found out the truth. He changed complicated things into many easy things and use
many points of view to see a thing. I think this is what made Holmes so successful and famous.

The purpose I wrote so many adventures of Holmes is not to praise how smart he was, he won’t be successful without keeping fighting. I think we would keep studying and trying during our life time in order to be a useful man. Finally, what I want to say most, is that he was fighting for the justice. If a talent is evil, it can not only waste the value he has but also do harm to the society. So above all, we should be a right person.

A real talent is from hard working, and he’s made for justice.

Theme report of Adventure of Sherlock Holmes

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Recent days, I have finished reading the “Adventure of Sherlock Holmes”, and when I finished reading I was attracted by the wisdom of Sherlock.

In the book, Sherlock is a very legendary person. Not only for his wisdom but also for his all kinds of ability. On the one hand, he is very good at chemistry, psychology, math and so on. On the other hand, he is also good at violin
and boxing skills. Oh, what a talented man. But maybe a important thing I learned-----there isn’t a perfect man in the world. To be the opposite of his talent, Sherlock has a very serious psychological illness----- Bipolar Disorder.

The book is mainly tell a series of cases. Without exception, Sherlock unfastened all the “mystery” in threatening but not dangerous.

From the each story, I learned a lot of. Every one has his own potential, maybe we are not so smart as Sherlock, but we can pay more attention to our target. In our life , if we want to success ,we must be very patient, and try to focus what we want to do or what we are doing. If we do like Sherlock, we will arouse our large potential and it will lead us to succeed.

Each book is a teacher, we can learned a lot from it.
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**Introduction** of *The Little Prince*

*The Little Prince* is a poetic tale self-illustrated in watercolors in which a pilot stranded in the desert meets a young prince fallen to Earth from a tiny asteroid. The
story is philosophical and includes societal criticism, remarking on the strangeness of the adult world.

● The Author

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (29 June 1900—31 July 1944) was a French writer and aviator. He is best remembered for his novella *The Little Prince*, and for his books about aviation adventures, including *Night Flight and Wind, Sand and Stars*.

He was a successful commercial pilot before World War II, joining the Armée de l’Air (French Air Force) on the outbreak of war, flying reconnaissance missions until the armistice with Germany. Following a spell of writing in the United States, he joined the Free French Forces. He disappeared on a reconnaissance flight over the Mediterranean in July 1944.

● Thoughts After Reading

—— Grow-up or Not

“All grown-ups were children at first. (But few remember it.)” As Saint-Exupéry describes in the Little Prince.

Little Prince is an extremely genuine and pure character, living in a tiny planet which is specialized for him. Two volcanos, an extinct one and an active one, and a rose, of course, accompany with him. His purity and simplicity deceive him that everything in the world is perfect, even the accident that a sheep eats a bunch of flower is such a surprising and unbelievable thing. Therefore, he is not capable to understand grown-ups’ worlds and vice versa. Little Prince’s world could not be sympathized either.

A fox said to Little Prince, “You see, the wheat fields over there to see it? I do not eat bread, what right does not make sense to me. It does not let me buy the association, which is really sad. However, you have a golden yellow hair, if you tame me, how beautiful the ah! Golden wheat makes me think of you, I would like to listen to peak between wheat bowing in the voice…” Fox is commonly held as crafty and cunning, but people’s recognition seems to be prejudice. Honestly, the fox is such a wise and intellectual character, for instance, he whispers the secret to Little Prince: “What is essential is invisible to the eye.” Little Prince misfits and disintegrates into the Earth, thus he is incapacity of living until confessing the truth to the fox before Little Prince vanishes. “It was wrong of you to come. You will suffer. I shall look as if I were dead; and that will not be true…” Little Prince earns reward. Lucky it’s not in vain for the little prince to come to the earth, at least, with fox’s help, he understands that the dispute between rose and him is because he deals with things by his heart.

Were we still to remember our childhood and our innocent before we grow up, how wonderful would the world have been. And Little Prince would have stay longer till leaving, instead of vanishing. I hope so.

DAVID COPPERFIELD

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David Copperfield was written by Dickens and it is a long piece of fiction. The story is told almost entirely from the point of view of the first person narrator, David Copperfield himself. When reading this novel, I was totally attracted by not only the exciting plot but also the author’s sprightly smooth and the humorous charming
The main character, David Copperfield is a diligent person who is good at observing. His father passed away in his early time, and his mother departed later, which made him make a living independently. At first, he was sent to do the child laborer. Latter, because cannot bear the maltreatment, he ran away to his aunt’s home. His aunt sent him to school, after graduated, he became a lawyer and married his teacher’s daughter Dora. But soon, Dora died of disease and David left for Australia with deep sorrow. After returning to homeland, he had become a writer and married Agnes, and from this time he started the happy content life.

I think the human nature passes through this book. In the novel, there are many art characters, in my opinion, these are the actually living character in the real life. These characters are not only lived in 19th century, but also live in the present age. The human nature is divided into two parts, elegant and ugly. The elegant human nature should always be remembered by us and not be diluted by the time’s change. We should develop and let it lead the entire human nature for it has a great significance for our society. The ugly human nature should be forbidden and not appear in the society, it is not only does no significance to our society, even also can tow the hind leg which we progress.

On the one hand, personally, I think his stepfather is ruthless. It’s obviously that his stepfather doesn’t like him at all. But his behavior is extremely bad. everyone has a right to enjoy his childhood. It’s the most precious treasure for a kid. What’s up, David’s father just passed away, so he must need more love than any others. But he make David live in a violent life that must affect David deeply.

On the other hand, David’s aunt is loving. She appreciates him and helps him a lot. It took her lots of money to let David get education. She didn’t hesitate although she wasn’t very rich, just because she really wanted to help David and hoped David to be able to live a good life.

So the human nature is divided into two parts, elegant and ugly.

And as for David. In my opinion, we should be optimistic. I can’t imagine his childhood with fear and violence. A kid who is optimistic might commit suicide. In our daily life, we must have to face all kinds of matters, when we are optimistic, we might have a kind of magical power to come up with solutions. On the other hand, maybe we have ability to solve the problem, but we are pessimistic, and maybe we won’t be able to do it well.
read the book. The owner of the diary, Greg, is just like the boy that you have met in your middle school. He is an interesting boy—you know, ‘interesting’ is a high praise for a person. He regarded his diary book as a ‘journal’, he was always coming up with fancy ideas, he recorded things he cared about though it’s boring for an adult…... We can see a boy with vivid individualism and substantial.

Greg’s world is tiny but huge. We can just divided it into two parts and both of them has a dozen of fancy ideas. One is about home. His family contained 5 family members: his parents, his brother, his little brother and him. His brother always tricked him, his little brother was so little that parents never blamed him. It sounds like Greg is so poor, but in his diary, he didn’t complain about it so often. Instead, we can see that he had found his way to deal with the troubles. That’s because of his power of observation. That shows that he knew everyone’s features, so we can see he loved his family very much. Maybe he didn’t know it, but we know that love can be shown without speak. Also, he was optimistic about the life. Though this is an American story, I think Grey had the way of thinking like British always do[what we called ‘black humor’]. He ‘Always look on the bright side of life’. His imagination always takes me to his funny world. I always think about one thing: Did I have the same ability as well as him at his age? And comparing of his parents and him, there comes a deeper question: Do we lose this ability of imagination and be as same as ‘boring adults’ gradually? I think that’s a terrible thing. Maybe this book also wants to warn us about that.

Actually, Greg showed us a new funny way to see this world. He loved the life, so he had the capability to discover things we have seen but never notice. If we can turn down our pace, not look forward to the nice result all the time but give a little to the process, make the efficiency a little down, we will find that this world is not boring anymore.

In the school life, we can see that Grey didn’t have many good friends. He even be bullied by the tall guys sometimes. But he adopted well. Despite he didn’t have many friends, he lived happily every day. He was not the top one, but he was also not bad. He never gave up trying to go ahead though that’s just because he wanted the honor and change the situation. This natural attitude to life is good, you can live relaxed with it. He was honest and friendly to everyone friendly to him.

As all the boys at the same age, he always had been in trouble. Sometimes it’s because of his acting up, sometimes because of others’ misunderstanding. His happiness and sadness, anger and disappointment make us like him even more.

Greg was neither handsome nor ugly, neither the top one nor the bottom one, neither a bad kid nor a good kid, he is just a normal kid that is friendly and curious of this world. Maybe he is the guy that sat silent beside you in the middle school, maybe he is just yourself. He woke up our sleepy memory of the childhood and opened the door to that pure world slightly. Maybe you will come across him on the street, listen to his whistle and wear a warm smile one day.

Theme Report of Pride & Prejudice

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Frankly, I had seen the movie and the book about this story several times before senior high school. At that time, I was addicted to the traditional England atmosphere. I like the beautiful actors, elegant clothes and the unique scenery in British suburb.
The girls at that age could never reject a romantic love story, especially such a story with a good ending. The plot twists and turns, let my heart up and down. At that time, I just thought it was an interesting story, a good story. All the characters in it finally got their happiness and had the way they wanted.

But this time when I watched it again, I found out more than good appearances and beautiful clothes. The movie is still the Keira Knightley’s version. This time, I noticed the background of their love stories. There are some interesting questions: Why Mrs. Bennet wanted her daughters to marry so much? Why Bingley and Darcy could be with rural girls like Jane and Elizabeth in the same ballroom? Why Elizabeth’s best friend could married to the man Elizabeth just rejected? Those are all because of the social background in that age. At that age in Britain, family property could only gave boys, but Mr. Bennet had 5 girls. That’s why they wanted their girls find a rich man — their family property would be in others’ hand at last. So that’s why that boy wanted to married to Elizabeth. And after the French revolution, Britain was influenced. Nobel began to absorb the common people. So, Bingley and Darcy could see what they had no chance to see in the country. This situation influenced the girls thought so much, at that time, every girl wanted to find their prince. So, had both special background and special female mentality, this story was just based on the fact like that.

After making sure the background, let’s talk about the characters in the whole movie. Now we can understand the Bannets difficult situation. The parents didn’t care about their daughters happiness, what they thought about most is money. The elder sisters, Jane and Elizabeth were more mature. The eldest sister Jane had the dream of love, but she always thought about the family. The second sister, Elizabeth was a litter special, she didn’t care about love so much. I thought that might because she chased the true love inside. That’s why she rejected that boy. The third and forth girls were all the students. The smallest girl, Lydia was the typical example of the mentality I have related last paragraph. She was too young to make clear the real heart, she didn’t get good education. She was a pure little girl lived in the fairy tale. So when she met Wickham, the prince in her dream, she chose elope with him to carry on her dream though that was bad for her family. Finally they married. I don’t know what would happen when her dream break up, may be it won’t, her sister will look after her for a long time.

I don’t what to talk about the romantic scene in the movie, so I’ll tell something about my favorite character, Elizabeth. She was beautiful and rational. She could help with the farm well, she can also rejected Darcy with pride. Though she was very ordinary at our age, she was good enough to have pride at that age. I love her adamancy. She liked a rose, hurtful but charming.

That’s all I learnt about this movie this time. May be I’ll think about more next time!

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**Theme Report of Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban**

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*Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* has 12 chapters, each of which is intriguing. Before, I did not read the book, just listen to people say it, I think, is a book you
cannot miss! This book is so appealing that I’ve just finished the first chapter because of savoring. The book like a science fiction, but more amazing than the description of a science one.

The book as well focuses on Harry Potter and the thirteen-year-old boy wizard’s adventures all. Harry Potter is a unique little boy who hated the summer vacation because he had to use flashlight in the midnight under his quilt to do his homework. Why does Harry so different? It from his uncle, a Muggle Speaking of his uncle, aunt and cousin Harry is very annoying magic school, so put it all summer in the magic items are locked into a cupboard, you say it can not hate summer vacation? Fortunately, he hid under the bed a little magic supplies in the activities of wood and had a flashlight in bed at night doing their homework, but this time made him the most happy, because he is like magic. So, we should also learn this from Harry perseverance, as well as the most important point, that is "tolerance", everything should be tolerant, but tolerance is a certain limit, for those students or friends of small conflicts between, you should tolerate, but tolerance is indispensable. However, the negative phenomena in society, we must rise to fight, uphold justice, courage and wisdom to actively fight with. Then, after Harry's aunt Maggie was again unkind to him, Harry could not stand it anymore and blew into her with a magic balloon, and then Harry escaped from home.

From Chapter 1 Owl Post I’ve learned that a man is an animal's best friend, even if the boundaries between people and the unbridgeable gulf, but the animals do not, as long as you it is good, it will for you too. As Harry and his owl Hedwig who could find Harry wherever he was, and that is the true love between a man and the precious animal.

From Chapter 7 Bogut closet I learned that two different teachers can have different effects on students. Snape, as eccentric as a bad teacher, made Neville so scared; and Professor Lupin who allowed the students to benefit, but also let the children had a further thought of the used-to-be-afraid Defense Against the Dark Arts class.

I think the subtlety of this book should be Chapter 1 Owl Post and Chapter 22 See Also Mail Owl and Take Care of It! Preamble at the beginning, I see "One day, Black finally stood in front of Harry," I cannot help Harry pinched the sweat, but I believe Harry who is a witty, brave boy wizard with his sincerity, good partners and concerned about his Hogwarts magic school teachers will work together to solve this problem, because I saw the table of the main characters on the Sirius Black Description: Prisoner of Azkaban, Harry's godfather.

I really admire Rowling for her imagination which is very wonderful guiding us for one another exciting adventure.

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*The Dark Knight* is the 2nd of the Batman new series. This movie has a subtle insight into human nature.

In this movie, the Batman gets into acute trouble with handling the Joker, an abnormal person who takes delight in killing people. The Joker is very tricky and sly. He is very good at controlling people by attacking everyone’s weakness, which I really
adore and admire. He uses money to make gangsters work for him, and he enrages policemen to try to beat him to catch their tripping. The most impressive is that, he makes the Batman make decision between his girl and the commissioner who is the hope of the Gotham city.

Although the Joker is a villain, the opponent of the Batman, I like him very much.

There are a lot of lines by him impressed me and made me think a lot. For example, while robbing the bank, he said “I believe that whatever doesn't kill you simply makes you... stranger.” to one of the staffs. I’ve learned that whatever doesn't defeat you makes you stronger. Though the Joker is a freak, I think he’s a thoughtful freak.

He said on the TV, when he planned to kill one person per day until the Batman show his real face, ”I’m a man of word.” I heard confident and firm from his words. According to what he did afterwards, I knew he really is a man of word and also a man without mercy.

He is a really crazy criminal who makes the Batman crazy too. And the actor of this character, Heath Ledger, committed suicide soon after playing role in this movie, because, according to his posthumous paper, he thought that the Joker is the very best character of his career and he felt that he could never be better than that, which made him depressed and desperate. And I knew that he had been taking madicine during acting as the Joker in order to be as crazy as needed. I really respect Heath for his devotion to his work, and I wish I could be like him one day.

I learned a lot from the movie, the most improtant of which is that people need to and should keep in faith. The Batman nearly gave up being the protecter of the Gotham city because the citizens didn't understand and believe him. But fortunately, his butler and his helper encouraged him. With the faith, the Batman defeated the Joker eventually. And to the other side, the commisioner Dent, gave up faith and from the hero of the city beacame a devil.

So faith is crucial, and we need to keep it, so that we can move further and firmer.

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Theme Report of No Country for Old Men

——degenerated society

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No Country for Old Men is a thriller, crime film, as well as an adapted version of Cormac McCarthy novel of the same name. On account of its wonderful plot, distinctive photography and profound meaning, it won four Oscars at the 2007 Academy Awards with no suspense. As for my opinion, the whole movie can be summarized as three words: brutal, abstruse and depressive. Compared to this movie, The Expendables 2’s brutality is put to shame; maybe it’s the most ferocious movie I have ever seen.

There are 4 main characters (The Mexican is a group full of villains):

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<td>Llewelyn Moss</td>
<td>A retired welder and Vietnam veteran who found a lost crashbox contained two million dollar on a vast desert accidentally and then escaped.</td>
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<td>Ed Tom Bell</td>
<td>A sheriff who was about to retire in Terrell.</td>
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The movie tells the story of the man who delivers a fortune that is not his and was tracked and attacked by killers and drug companies. Seemingly, the movie simply tells us not to take the things which are not belonging to you. Nevertheless, it embodies much more impressive message.

Undoubtedly, Anton Chigurh is the most remarkable role. This character has a comical appearance, in addition to appalling cold. In order to highlight his character, various side foils was used. His famous weapon and slaughter tool, gas cylinder, which was used to kill two people and wreck the door lock, greatly emphasises his cruelty. On the screen, he always gives flickering smile. Only his eyes make people tremble with fear. Whenever he appeared, there were always one people died. Chigurh killed 13 people in the movie including passbys and killers. However, he is not completely the so-called killer. He has principles: firstly, don’t kill others at random (it reflects in the conversation between him and Moss’s wife); secondly, when he slaughter, he doesn’t follow any worldly rules (he once said:’ When the rule forces you to death, the rule is no longer useful’). Thus it can be seen that Chigurh only follow his own rules, although his rules are rebelled against all moral. He even tosses a coin to decide others life and death. In conclusion, he is a madman who destroyed
all moral. He is a kind of antinature creature; he doesn’t obey the nature rules and finally becomes an incredible freak. Therefore, both the sheriff and Moss fail to defeat him.

Chigurh is an abnormal man; his principle has decided his fate to perish. On the contrary, he survives to the end and wins at last. It can be easily inferred that the social condition has changed. The social moral scale is declining; the moral in the mind is undermining; social pathology is deepening; many cherish things are purishing. Just like an old man, breathing slowly, slowly to the death! At the beginning of the movie, the narrator says,’ but I don't want to push my chips forward and go out and meet something I don't understand. A man would have to put his soul at hazard.’ A new kind of wildness has now spread and ravaged the world. Bell, part of the tradition of the ‘old-timers’, is confused how to handle this new immoral wildfire. He feels that the evil surrounding him has metastasized beyond his comprehension and their world is passing them by. Besides, according to the conversation between sheriff and his uncle, the young men in Texas are coloring hair and piercing nose and wearing a nose ring. The honorifics have totally disappeared. In all, the society is degenerating.

After reading some film critics’ reviews, I have a deeper understanding of the movie’s title No Country for Old Men. The Old Men refers to the sheriff and his father and uncle, those who are unable to catch up with the current trends, in the other word, they are difficult to survive in the present society. The title is taken from the opening line of 20th-century Irish poet William Butler Yeats’ poem ‘Sailing to Byzantium’. The lament can be felt in this title is for the way the young neglect the wisdom of the past. Its title is deep in thought, in contrast, the Chinese translation of that was really bad:’老无所依’. I appreciate another translation:’人心不古’.

Even the fight between human and animal, the outcome is uncertain. The older one becomes, the stronger feelings he gets that his control ability of the world is so weak. There is no society and no country for old man, since the olds’ understanding of the world is more insightful but inability.

Theme report for One Day

The whole story mainly tells the friendship between a man and a woman through twenty years. On the night of their graduation, Emma and Dexter promise to get together each year on the same day. Each chapter we peek at their life on that specific
I read the novel first before watching the movie. The movie was romantic and delicate. It seems to hold all the elements that affectional movies usually have. However, it focuses too much on the love story, which results in a personal impression of void.

In contrary, the novel shows far more than that. Their relationship wasn’t considered as the only theme to me. They have different world outlook, different backgrounds, different attitudes toward life, but they both struggle. No matter many things has changed over years, they could still sit down and have a talk as friends. Crush dissipated, love remains.

Emma determined to change the world when she first graduated. With all those ambition she somehow ironically found herself working in a Mexican restaurant. “London swallowed me up. I thought I could make a difference, but no one knows I’m here.” she said frustratedly in the phone call to Dexter who was having fun with his new girlfriend. The current situation didn’t leave anyone with fantasy. Not everyone has the chance to be the superhero. I really appreciated the author portrayed her only as a normal girl, that made the story so true to life.

Different form Emma’s pragmatism, Dexter devoted himself to hedonism. Being a rich kid as well as a playboy, there’s no need for him to worry about living. Women and fame just follow him. But charming exterior hides a hollow soul. Years of loose life made him act like an arrogant and selfish bastard. Jeering Emma as a “prude”, he was actually the one who succumbed to the reality. Unemployed was followed by divorce. There’s nothing left for him, except Emma.

Many people said Emma was a spare tire. Sadly, she was. Dexter just set her there; he won’t go up to her initiatively. After all, compared to numerous women surrounding him, she wasn’t attractive enough in appearance. Ironically, the one he barely paid attention to was the one who always be by his side and let him come down to earth. Even though Emma was proved to be better than any original tire, the fact that she was only regarded as an alternate can never be changed.

They could have been great soul mates, but friendship always blossomed into love. Emma was trapped. She made Dexter decent. Her behavior affected him and got him down to earth. What had Dexter give Emma in return? Only joy maybe. She would be delighted when the day comes. Even a small interact with Dexter will fill her heart with joy. That didn’t change after twenty years.

They finally got married after they let each other slip for almost twenty years. Just as I thought this was a normal happy ending, Emma died in a car accident. All in a sudden, Dexter was alone again. Their brief happiness seems like a dream. They were doomed to end up in this tragic way. That’s when Dexter found out how important Emma meant to him. This time he missed her forever.

Too regretful. Too immature. Too late.
age of fifteen I could gain deeper understanding of the theme.

The story begins with the story-teller’s painting, which shows how a boa swallows an elephant. It didn’t get the praise it deserves. Plain comments from the grown-ups squashed the author’s dream of becoming a painter.

“Grown-ups are always like this, caring about figure only and know nothing essential at all”, the story-teller thought. His opinion was surprisingly resembled to the little prince’s, and that made them able to continue the topic they both like.

The little prince used to have a peaceful life, on a planet that’s no bigger than a house. There’s only him, if you don’t count three volcanoes that will bake his bread, and a flower who he fell in love with. He treated them with all his love and patient.

Then he started traveling, meeting all kind of grown-ups during his journey. I personally think this part of the story is actually a thought-provoking allegory of the human condition. The writer used these characters to reveal the defect in human nature. Including the unstoppable willing of being powerful, chasing for others’ praise, always lying to obstruct their fault, being a stickler for meaningless figures, etc. None of them were understood by the little prince, as they were all boring and poor in his opinion. Ignorant, stupid, arrogant, that’s not what the little prince is searching for. He calls for equal care and love and meaning of life, even though he was just a kid. Sometimes kids may look at the world even more incisive as their minds are not limited by the invisible chains. I wish I could do too. Not only barely focusing on the figures, but try to concentrate on the essentials which means more.

In desert they met, where the story-teller’s plane broke down. The little prince was fascinated to ask all kinds of questions while the story-teller had to get his plane repaired. The little prince has scatter brain and never let go of anything he feels uncertain. He first asked for a sheep, and then he started caring about what & how much they eat. Thing are always like this. Not only about sheep he cares, but also plants that might harm the planet, flower that is the only one of the kind in the universe, volcanoes’ cleanliness, etc. these senseless questions always irritate the story teller, until the little prince pointed out sharply that he has already grew to act like those grown-ups, which he dislike.

His thoughts were sometimes childish and kind of ridiculous to me. But he’s pure. Nothing about naïve, just undeniable pure. Believing that eyes are blind, he looks at the world with his heart. I admire his straight mind and purity, but not wishing to be like him.

Grown-ups’ poor imagination drew him to lose hope of human. He eagerly wanted to get back to his own planet. There he could sit by his lover, watch the sun set in the fragrance of baking bread, everything is the color of honey. That’s what he deserves. He shouldn’t stand human’s ignorance. He purity shall never be tarnished. In the end his wish came true. He died satisfactorily as his soul went back to Asteroid B-612, to where he belongs.

Good-bye, little prince.

The Review of The Blind Side

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I. Introduction
The Blind Side is an American semi-biographical drama comedy that is based on a true story. It grossed a strong box office in the opening weekend and it has earned numerous awards and nominations. What's more important is that it received generally positive reviews from critics. I lost myself fully in it the first time I saw it and when we were assigned to write a review of a movie, I chose it without any hesitation.

II. About the movie

1. The Abstract

The Blind Side tells the true story of Michael Oher, a big black, homeless teenager who gradually turns his life around after he's welcomed into the home of the Sean family, and then the bulk of the movie subsequently follows Michael's upward track from a rookie to one of the most highly paid player in college football. The Blind Side tells the true story of Michael Oher who is a homeless and struggling teenager who is taken in by the big-hearted and wealthy Leigh Anne Tuohy who quickly recognizes and find out the boy's potential. Through the compassion, generosity and love of Tuohy and her family. Michael gained confidence in life and study. After his grades improve, Michael is allowed to join the school football team, because of Michael's physical advantage and "protective instincts", Michael dominates on the field. For his excellent performance on the match, he become very famous, but Leigh Anne discovers that to get a NCAA Division scholarship, Michael needs a 2.5 GPA, so they hire a tutor, Miss Sue. Some of the teachers help out as well, and Michael ends up with a GPA of 2.52. When coaches come to recruit Michael, Leigh Anne after a serious thinking and tell him: "It's your life, It's your choice."

III. The Themes

1. Everyone has his “blind side”, and we all need a “left tackle”.

“The blind side” is a jargon used in American football. The highest paid player on a National Football League team is the quarterback, and the second highest paid player is the left tackle. A left tackle’s job is to protect the quarterback from what he can’t see coming, that is, to protect his blind side.

In the movie, Michael is a left tackle in the football game while in real life he is more like a quarterback. His blind side is that he has no home and no one takes care of him. Fortunately, he finally met his left tackle — the Tuohy family, especially Leigh Anne Tuohy. She cannot bear to see Michael strolling in the cold night therefore she takes him home and gradually makes him a part of her family. As a white woman, Leigh Anne helps Michael not because of the color of his skin or his potential as an athlete - she does it because she sees another human being suffering and reaches out to him. Her instinctive love guides her to do the right things.

In other people’s eyes, it is always the fact that Leigh Anne helps Michael. However, Leigh Anne herself also benefits from Michael. When her friends say that she’s changing Michael’s life, she replied, “No. He’s changing mine.” Maybe to her, to give is more content than to receive. During the process of help, both the giver and receiver benefit from it.
In fact, everyone has his blind side. When we are young and easy to be hurt, our parents and friends, school and the government are there to protect us. When we grow up and have the ability to protect others, we should become the left tackle. It’s like a virtuous circle. The world will become better and better only if the circle can go on and on.

2. Family plays a crucial role in one’s success.

Family is the place where we spend most of our time in our lifetime. It is especially important for children to live in a happy family.

We can find easily in the film that the Sean family are both kindhearted. There’s an old saying”Like father, like son.” or “Like mother, like daughter.” There’s no denying that S.J. and Collins have learned a lot from their parents. Leigh Anne did everything she can for Mike; Mr. Sean understood and supported his wife’s decisions; S.J. talked to Michael first when he has no friends in school; Collins tried to accept Michael when other girls kept themselves away from him. Through their act of kindness, Michael finally felt the warmth of home, and made himself a useful person. What a warm and sweet family!

By contrast, Michael’s parents didn’t do a good job as parents—his mother is crack-addicted and his father left him a week after he was born. They are not responsible for their children. Their son Michael is lucky for he has the Sean family protect his blind side, but what about other children in the similar situation? Can they be so fortunate?

3. Life is full of miracles.

This is a very inspiring and touching movie. In fact, there are a lot more admonishments in the film. For example, try to find the good points of others. In the movie, Anne sees the innocence and the great protective instincts of Michael, Sean Tuohy once noticed Mike picking up the litters in the Gym after a game; one of Mike’s teachers observed Mike’s progress and persuade other teachers to have patience towards Mike. Anne allow Michael to choose his own future no matter what he wanted to be, which told me to trust our most innocent heart and follow its guide. The future is ours, all i need to do is walk that direction and everything will be all right. Maybe I cannot list them all here, but I will bear them in my mind and regard them as my guide and instruction.

On the whole, the Blind Side is a can’t-miss warm film. If you give it a chance, the payoff is monumental. I bet you won’t get chills from the beginning to the end. Do yourself a favor and it won’t let you down.

The Old Man and the Sea

This time I finally put up the famous novel which was written by the literary hero Hemingway, and that’s for sure once you pick that book up, you’re not willing to lay it down.

Through the novel I extremely admire the senior fisherman's will, he let me
understand one person certainly must have relentless spirit, only then could he obtain success.

The whole passage tells a story about a strong willed man called Santiago, who is also a bad-luck man that hasn’t fished anything for 84 days, however, with his distinctive wills he ignore other fishermen’s sneer and mock, and kept on fishing. It seems that Santiago’s perseverance finally got paid, on the 85th day he met a huge fish which he had been dreaming for days. But it wasn’t easy for the Santiago to catch the enormous fish by his own, however, although he knew perfectly well that it was very difficult for him to win, he still did not give up. Finally after a tiring battle between the fish and the old man, the Santiago’s strong will and cool head finally helped him won the battle. While Santiago continues his journey back to the shore, sharks are attracted to the trail of blood left by the marlin in the water. The first time, a great mako shark, Santiago kills it with his harpoon, and losing that weapon in the process. He makes a new harpoon by strapping his knife to the end of an oar to help ward off the next line of sharks; in total, five sharks are slain and many others are driven away. But by night, the sharks have almost devoured the marlin's entire carcass, leaving a skeleton consisting mostly of its backbone, its tail and its head. Finally reaching the shore before dawn on the next day, he struggles on the way to his shack, carrying the heavy mast on his shoulder. Once home, he slumps onto his bed and enters a very deep sleep.

When I was reading the passage "the senior fisherman think: here to the seacoast really was too near, perhaps could have a bigger fish in a farther place... "I extremely admire this senior fisherman, because he by now already projected on some fish, but he had not settled to the present situation, but always look forward to a higher goal. However nowadays there are few people have the same spirit as him, when meets with one slightly difficult, we all complain incessantly and never thought about how to fight against it. All in all, we are all supposed to have the same lofty aspiration as well as the constant faith to pursue better and bigger goals.

Life is a journey, and the road won’t always be easy. The obstacles, the hardships, the barriers that appear along the way can’t be compared to the goal that waits at the end. We have to focus on the final destination, not the bumps in the road. If you have fallen down, get up and brush the dust off your knees and move on. A setback would be temporary and it’s definitely not a defeat. I do believe that with Santiago’s strong will he will finally achieve his goal, although the process may be painful and lengthy. For that matter, there’s no such thing as defeat. Nothing is impossible in this world. If you have the will to win, you can achieve anything. And always remember that the whole world will help you when you want to achieve something.

The Outsider by Albert Camus

The book is small and the story is short; but I feel the shock as soon as I finished it for the first time. The story tells the life of Meursault, a man who had no idea how to pretend, in this society where, in order to live ordinary, one must sometimes say
things even if one doesn’t mean to. It is not true, but it is asked by the public. And Meursault, the protagonist in the story, did not have the ability to hide his feelings, which was mostly the reason he was condemned to death at the end of the book.

As the writer, Albert Camus pointed out himself in the last two pages of the novel, “I summed up The Outsider in a sentence which I realize is extremely paradoxical: ‘In our society any man who doesn’t cry at his mother’s funeral is liable to be condemned to death.’” Indeed that was how the man in the book was confined guilty by the court. Every piece of evidence showed that he had hardly any emotion; he did not cry at his mother’s funeral; he got a girlfriend immediately the next day; he went to the cinema and laughed at a Fernandel film. It all seemed unbearable to the public for they thought he should never be playing and having so much fun right after his mother’s death. And what was more, someone pointed out that he even had no idea how old his mother was! In the book it said there to be a long silence. The man standing in front of them now was not just a man who did not talk much because he had little to say any longer; he was an outsider as the prosecutor said, he was completely cut off from the society and that was how the society was threatened. The case would have been very simple and easily solved had not all these details of his life came up; in the end he was sentenced to death.

While I was reading this chapter I could feel nothing more but the total astonishment inside me, and it was not only the indifference coming from Meursault, but also how the court defined him to be guilty. I was almost to jump out from my chair and shout at the prosecutor in the book when he said with all seriousness, “Yes, I accuse this man of burying his mother like a heartless criminal.” I was startled. So that was how our society dealt with people when we felt threatened by them? I do not know what I would have done at his position; but thinking it over, I felt so sorry for Meursault. As one of his witnesses had said, he was a good man indeed, though without much to talk about. I still do not see the point of being threatened by a man like that. Or was it because something from him that made our society feels as if threatened by their kind?

And now there seems to be only one answer to the question: truth. He would not pretend as if he knew or understood something in fact he really did not. That was what we fear. The society we are living now are full of pretension, disguise, camouflage; all the things we have now are just to keep us apart from others and therefore make it harder to find the truth. We all wear masks; but people like Meursault do not. They are the minority now, which makes it easier to judge them as we wish. But have we thought for just one moment what lies further behind the indifference? The writer has described the feelings of Meursault in the book many times, and what he said most frequently was “It doesn’t mean anything,” or “I didn’t mind.” Can we think that, in the other way, as tiredness of facing all these people who pretend to care or worry for him; but in fact they only want something in return. Meursault did not have much to say; but I think not to everyone. He would be talkative if he had met the right person for him; this society is not the place for him and he accepted the fact; but we did not; we took him as a heartless man who showed no feeling of any kind: grief, anger as well as remorse. When he confronted the priest
who asked him to wash away his sins by regretting what he had done, all he was thinking was how much the certainties of this old man were worthy? He seemed to know everything; but he could not even be certain if he was still alive for he was no more different than a dead man; and he himself, on the other hand, knew exactly what was coming for him and he would accept it peacefully. He held no hatred for anyone; and yet we said him cold blooded. Was that fair? Everyone lives at his own way and why do we have the chance to say that someone else’s life has been wrong? And even if we could say that, how could we make them live the way as we do? The Outsider reveals one truth: an outsider is never really to be an outsider. He may want to live just a life of his own and he will never disturb anyone else’s life. But we feel like being threatened so easily that we have to pull him back to the main circle. And when he refuses to return, we give him a crime name and shoot him. It is appalling, but exactly what happened in this book.

If there is one thing I admire about Meursault, is that he could always find peace. Even in a cell, even at the very last night before his execution. He felt nothing to fear but only peace; and maybe joy as well that he would be starting a new life soon. He did not care a bit about that the others do; he had not heard from his girlfriend since he was sentenced, and he accepted the fact that she only did not want to be the mistress of a condemned man. Still now an outsider, we call him; he really is lucky. He felt what he wanted to feel and lived as he wished. His life may not be long, but after all he had chosen it himself. There was no burden inside his heart; even in a cell, he was as free as those who go every day to work and try their best to flatter their bosses can be. Or even more. The story ended up in his thoughts. There was no need to tell how he died; but in the end I felt sorry for him no longer; I bid him a farewell and wish he would still be as light hearted as he had been here in the other world.

The Outsider has been a great book. It reveals the society of pretension and what will happen if a man who does not pretend and will not pretend comes in. The ending may seem tragic to us only because we are still pretending. But deep inside it was quite happy for Meursault. And all those who are like him. I have only one more thing to say after reading this book; an outsider is never an outsider until we take him as one. “Then don’t”.

The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde

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This book was Oscar Wilde’s only novel and it had always been important in the English literature. The story was about a young man named Dorian Gray who admired beautiful appearance more than anything else, and swore to be willing to
exchange anything he had for it. For some unspeakable reasons, this wish of his came true and so he remained youthful and charming while his picture gradually became old and ugly, showing the cruelty he held inside. He was always a young man, though he was more than forty already. To keep this terrible secret, he murdered one of his best friends, the painter who actually drew him the portrait. He became indifferent about people and things around, caring only of his own good. When he decided that he would not endure this life with the portrait still in existence, reminding him of how old he really was, he thrust a dagger into the picture, ending his own life with it as well.

The story was not a long one, yet it was full of thoughts. Oscar Wilde discussed the eternal topic “beauty” in this book. To him, beauty was indeed important, but it was only on the base of inner belief that appearance could be really of a matter. In this tale, Dorian Gray failed to realize that beauty of outside would not be a long lasting gift to anybody. Youth was only for young people and it was no use standing against the law of nature. He seemed to have succeeded in “having the deal with the Demon”, but eventually he died with that picture as well. What was the point of it to have something that could never really be yours forever, such as in this book, youth? It was clear that such attempt was meaningless and harmful.

Oscar despised those people with only pretty faces but empty minds. He believed that the genuine beauty was not from looking but mind. Most of his stories showed the exactly same topic. In his most famous story, The Happy Prince, the beauty was showed through the sacrifices made by both the Happy Prince and the little swallow. To Oscar Wilde, there was something more important than beauty: love. The Happy Prince loved everyone in his city; it was his love for those in need and determination to help them that made him really honorable. The swallow, then, loved the Happy Prince and was willing to die just to deliver a few more messages for him. But Dorian Gray, on the other hand, was no longer able to feel the love around him, when he, without meaning to, killed his first girlfriend, a talented actress who failed to perform one play well just because of her love toward him. It was a tragedy to see Dorian Gray went, step by step, to lose his humanity. His faith was in beauty, but a false and incomprehensive one, the one Oscar Wilde wished to be abandoned. Beauty is important, but only with the contents inside, can the container be really of value. Otherwise it can only be a cover without much use.

After reading this book, I feel having a more comprehensive understanding on beauty. Oscar Wilde had made it clear by writing this novel, and I wish more people can read it themselves, to feel the deep thinking of him, about genuine beauty.

**The Sound of Colors: A Journey of the Imagination**

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This book is written by Jimmy who is a famous writer in Taiwan for he wrote books with both pictures and words. Actually I first read this book in Chinese few years ago, and at that time, I was not old enough to understand the real meaning. Kids and adults can find out different things in Jimmy’s books. When I surf on the internet last month, I saw the ad of this book in English, so I bought it and read for a second
time. I really got something new.

A young woman losing her vision rides the subway with her dog in search of emotional healing.

This is the introduction of this book online. It’s true. The story is all about the subway. The little girl thought the angel said good-bye to her at the exit of subway on her fifteenth birthday. From then on, she gradually couldn’t see anything. She started to exercise travelling from one little strange stop to another. She lost her way in the crowded subway, she didn’t know where to go next. She could just hear the sounds of whistling, she could hear the waving sound of ocean. But she still didn’t know the way. Maybe though the geocentre there would be a garden full of blooming roses? Sometimes, she thought it endless in the world, sometimes she thought the world is a labyrinth without exit, sometimes she thought she was already at the end of the world. She kept going on the wrong train, kept getting down on the wrong place. But it seemed no one care. Here in the city, she often hurt.

There is a picture in this book which is meaningful. The girl sit beside the window of a library which is full of books. She wondered who wants to read a poem for her in the cockshut. But no one answered her.

Modern people are too busy. They don’t really have time to stop to think about what they are doing and what they really want. We just finish our works and aspire after success which defined by someone. Maybe the girl is the only one who has chance to stop, hear the sound and imagine the whole world. Train is just like life, it carries on happiness, sadness, doubt, disappointment, and darkness.

Sometimes, you can’t always get what you want, it’s just life.

Theme report “The Wizard Of Oz”

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Have you ever known a story which is called “The Wizard Of Oz”. I like this story so much. After reading this wonderful story, I can feel love, brave, deep friendship
and many great spirits.

The novel tells us a story of a little girl Dorothy goes back to her hometown when she is in an other strange city. Dorothy is a little girl who live with her uncle and aunt. Because the weather there wasn’t very good. Once there was a cyclone, it blew Dorothy’s house, with Dorothy and her dog in it to a country called Oz. And Dorothy’s house just fell on the bad Witch of the East and killed her. She wanted to go home to Kansas, but she didn’t know how to get there. The witch told her to find the Wizard of Oz. On the way, Dorothy met the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion, they went togethier. Because of some reason, they couldn’t get on the big balloon, and they were left in Oz. After other’s help, she went back home with her dog. It is really a wonderful risk.

We can learn that teamwork is very important for us. When we are in trouble, we can ask our friends for help, and also, when our friends need help, we should go and help them. Just remmember that more people, more power. It is always better to fight in a community. Friend and teamwork are really helpful in our life. On contrary, sharing is also a kind of nice character. It’s the way of passing on positive energy. We also should be brave as we are in danger. We can’t be afraid of difficults. Try to go through the difficults, just like the Cowardly. And we should learn to love others, enjoy to pass our love, just like the Tin Man.

Way don’t we be kind to everyone around us, even though we are unfairly treated, love is something that should influence our heart.

Theme Report ------ Witches’ Loaves
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The “Wiches Loaves” was a wonderful story without a perfect end. In the story, Miss Martha Meacham kept the little bakery on the corner, she had a sympathetic
heart. Two or three times a week a customer came in in whom she began to take interest. He looked neat and had very good manners, as the result, she thought he was a poor and gentle-mannered artist because he always bought two loaves of stale bread. Basic on the sympathetic of her, once she stealthily inserted a generous quantity of butter into the loaves. She thought he would be happy, but she didn’t know that he was an architectural draftsman who used the loaves of stale bread to rub out the pencil lines, there was no doubt that she had destroyed the important plan paper which costed him a longtime.

As is known to all, sympathetic is one of the most important character one have in his life. It is clear that our sympathetic would give others warm. In some way, our little acts of kindness may even be passed by whom we have helped. However, there are also lot’s of problem that we haven’t noticed. On the one hand, show our sympathy blindly without knowing about the situation, make unnecessary awkward situations. On the other hand, imagine if someone give you kindness without any reason, you may receive the warm-heart unwillingly thinking that you have been looked down upon by others. As you can see, there is no doubt that giving our kindness is no wrong, however, it would be better to consider enough before action.

To sum up, we had better try our best to pass our kindness basic on others feelings, both of us is certainly to be comfortable.

Theme Report

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The book is a well-known French existentialist writer Gamus’s first novel. It is also one of his representatives. I was in a leisurely vacation when I finished reading.
After reading this novel, I really feel sad. The main character Meursault was killed in the end just because he didn’t cry when his mother died.

In this book, Meursault is a man who doesn’t care about anything. He is desperate to the world, and there is nothing he wants to get involves with. In the end, he killed a “rival”, and was sent to the prison. Although he is guilty, the charges against him are very funny- he didn’t cry when his mother died, he seems so calm. Then Meursault is sentenced to death. But he seems to be take no care to this all. When he know that it’s no use to appeal, he still waiting quietly for the death, but he refused to do the confession. In the whole progress, Meursault seems to be an outsider, he told the world seems to be numb. For everything, he accept, but eventually rejected the confession to god.

Meursault always wants to live in his own way. For Meursault, true feeling and external performances doesn’t matter. Although he feel sad about his mother’s death, he didn’t want to cry for that. He thinks that life cannot be changed, what kind of life are the same. When his girlfriend wanted to marry him, he thinks it is of no importance, if she wanted to, they would get married.

Just before his death, he said that he found the world is so similar to him, he thought he used to be happy, and he is still happy.

Meursault’s values and world view is obviously mutually exclusive to the world, so he become the outsider.

“Meursault” is wandering around us, thousands and thousands of. Every lonely silhouette, interpret the absurd and hopeless of surviving. Think carefully, more or less, we are all outsiders. Each other, in certain circumstances, are the outsiders.

**Theme Report**

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About 5 years ago, I watched a movie called “The legend of 1900”, at that time as I was too young to understand the movie, I remembered nothing but the infatuated music that has been always echoed around my ears in the following
days. Then I read the book, the same name as the movie, The Legend of 1900.

Here was the man called 1900. He called her in the large crowd of people rushing to the land. He didn’t allow his music separated from him, but now he wanted her to take it. He recorded the music in a CD, it was the only CD in his whole life.

Some things are foreordination, such as him.

He is 1900, and he was born in 1900. He had no name or parents; he was just like god’s joke. He was born on the ship, grew on the ship and finally died on the ship. He saw the land for heaps of times, but he didn’t want to get on land from beginning to end, though he knew there were countless flowers, money, cheers waiting for him. He spent his whole life on the ship, and had never been on land.

Because that was not what he wanted.

Conn didn’t understand him at first. That was the life everyone dreams of.

He was a genius. He uses his piano to express his heart instead of words. He loves music, and wanted to combine his soul with it. So when the cockiness jazz player wanted to compete with him, I think it was ridiculous. How can they compete? One who use music to earn money, the other combined the music with his soul…

He just said, “Fuck jazz, too.”

Music cannot be profaned.

Artists were always surrendered in front of the fame and gain, and money. It wasn’t their fault actually; art cannot provide them with food to eat. So artists cannot only devote themselves into art. Because here is the “land”, you have gotten on it, so you can only choose to taint. You have no other choices.

He knew this, so he didn’t get on land in his whole life. Throughout his life, he had seen the land for millions of times; he had met millions of people, but only that girl made him hesitate.

“Tomorrow, in New York, I’m leaving this ship.”

Only he knew, he was going to give up his music.

On the gangway, every step seems so hard. He suddenly stopped at the middle of the ladder. In front of him was the city, behind him was the ship.

He finally turned back.

That entire city, you just couldn’t see the end to it. It wasn’t what he saw that stopped him. It was what he didn’t see. In that entire sprawling city there was everything except an end. There was no end. What he didn’t see was where the whole thing came to an end.

Take the piano. The keys begin, the keys end. Everyone knows there are 88 of them, nobody can tell any differences. They are not infinite, but he is infinite, and
on these keys the music that he can make is infinite.

“You get me up on that gangway and you are rolling out in front of me a key board of millions of keys. Millions and billons of keys that never end, and that’s the truth, Max. That they never end. That key board is infinite. And if that keyboard is infinite, then on that keyboard there is no music you can play. You are sitting on the wrong bench. That’s God’s piano.”

I can feel the deep despair in 1900’s heart. All the world was weighing down on him, he didn’t even know where it comes to an end. How could he didn’t scare of breaking apart at the thought of it, the enormity of living it? He was born on this ship, and the world passed him by, but two thousand people at a time. And there were wishes here, but never more than fit between prow and stern.

Land? Land was a ship too big for him; it’s a woman too beautiful, a voyage too long, a perfume too strong. It’s music he didn’t know how to make.

“I could never get off this ship. At best, I can step off my life. After all, I don’t exist for anyone. You are an exception, Max, you are the only one who knows I’m here. You are a minority, and you better get used to it.”

“Forgive me my friend, but I’m not getting off.”

Years later, Conn(Max) went to the city with the huge crowd. 1900 started his life with the piano. Music was all his love and faith, no matter what was going to happen, he wouldn’t leave it.

So he finally decided to be broken into pieces with the old ship.
The drear and beautiful music echoed on the old ship once more, Max saw him.

“Hey Conn. What’s the problem? Did you lose your sea legs?”

--- Just like many years ago, when they met the first time.

Max broke into tears at that moment. Although there wasn’t a piano, he could play the most beautiful music in the world, because everything was in his heart.

He talked with Max, imagining the scene he met the death. Maybe the death wasn’t horrible.

Max laughed with tears still in his eyes. He knew there was nothing that can take 1900 away.

As the ship exploded, the flame soured into the sky.

No grave, no cross. You can think as if he had never been on the world.
Perhaps there were pianos in the heaven, too.

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Theme Report of Tuesdays with Morrie

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“An old man, a young man, and life’s greatest lesson.”
This is the first sentence which is written in a wonderful novel named Tuesdays with Morrie. This winter, I read this book and was deeply impressed.

This novel is about an old professor who had incurable disease and was going to die. One of his students, Mitch, knew this bad news by accident and decided to go back to see him. He promised to come to have a life lesson (such as love, death, family, regret and so on) with him on every Tuesdays, until he left. And during this time, what Mitch learned had changed him a lot.

I liked and respected to this lovely old professor. He was optimistic about the life and didn’t fear the death at all. When he first knew that he was going to die, like everyone, he was very sad. But when he was talking to friends, he showed all his vitality and optimism. Those made me feel very sad to him. What’s more, he chose a date and arranged a “living funeral” for himself. He laughed and cried with his family and friends and this funeral was a rousing success.

However, the most part which made me moved was when Mitch asked if he had one day perfectly, healthy, what would he do. What he said was very simple, just like the usual day we have. Then I realized that was the point. Every day which we have is a wonderful day. Every minute, every second is the only. He also said, “as long as we can love each other, and remember the feeling of love we had, we can die without every really going away. All the love you created is still there; all the memories are still there. You live on—in the hearts of everyone you have touched and nurture while you were here.” When I read this, tears were filled with my eyes. And I know, we need to cherish the life, we need to love our friend and family, and then, we’ll not fear the death.

After read this book, I had many feelings about meaning of life. It made me learn to love this world, love everything. So I strongly suggest that you can read it, you’ll not feel regret.
This movie exert a peculiar fascination on me when I first watch it. The movie begin with the nursery rhyme of Gunpowder Plot. The story is mainly about how the future England which is led by Adam Sutler, a autocrat, come to be free and slip the leash of the dictatorship. There was something terribly wrong with this country at first: cruelty and injustice, intolerance and oppression. And where once people had the freedom to object, to think and speak as they saw fit, them now have censors and surveillance coercing their conformity and soliciting submission. How did this happen? Who was to blame? Certainly there are those who are more responsible than others. And they will be held accountable. But again, truth be told, if people are looking for the guilty they need only look into a mirror. Everyone becomes numbness and they were afraid of war, terror, disease. There were a myriad of problems which conspired to corrupt their reason and rob them of their common sense. Fear got the best of them. The n comes our hero, V, The person who save the public. V is a mysterious eccentric who is full of courage and justice. “People should not be afraid of their governments, governments should be afraid of their people” he once said. That is undoubtly true because leaders only represent the decisions and opinions of the public. Power can not be used to do harm to other people by leaders or governments if they want to obtain more benefits. Anyone who goes against this principle must be punished. However, who is the person to wake the public up? In the movie, it is V. The few people who resist first have to face more difficulties and even death. But their hard work and their sacrifice do have a huge influences. Because while the truncheon may be used in lieu of conversation, words will always retain their power. Beneath this appearance there is more than flesh, beneath this appearance there is an idea. And ideas are bulletproof.
plateau. All of these meant that the band of adventures couldn’t prove what happened in the dangerous land.

But the wise writer, Arthur Conan Doyle, he stayed behind an egg in novel. Professor Challenger kept this egg as well as eye protection. This was their proof because it was an egg of pterodactyl. Fortunately the egg hatched out in London.

Challenger spoke at the Zoological Institute, he told students that disaster happened and the band find themselves trapped and isolated in this dangerous land with only the help of a young wild woman and Together, the band fight to survive against the fearsome dinosaurs and other dangers that land had as they search for a way to escape. Students couldn’t trust all of those.

The young pterodactyl sailed out of the open window. It explained everything happened. This is the amaze of this novel.

The brave heart

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The movie titanic impressed me a lot because of the romantic experiences between Jack and Rose, as well as the terriable disaster of the ship’s sinking.
The ship of dreams supposed to be awesome and luxury, and indeed when it was built Titanic shocked everyone. Mr Bruce explained his design of the titanic, he said: the ship possesses huge size, stability, luxury and strength. Unfortunately, just as the movie showed, the ‘unsinkable’ ship Titanic sanked in several hours with thousands of peoples’ death. Titanic carried a mount of dreams to America, as well as broked up all kinds of dreams.

Jack and Rose’s love story turely touched my heart. They had the same purpose of life, the same attitude about art, and they fell in love with others. Rose supposed to be a fair maiden during her life, marry with her fiance Mr.Hockley and live a sort of rich and boring life. Lt is Jack that brought her another kind of life. He took her to the third-class to have the real party, let her see the endless sea, told her to enjoy her life.

When the ship began to sink, rose made a choice of jumping off from the lifeboat and spend their time with Jack, her life was entirely changed. Human beings have the poor strength when they fave to the disaster. Jack spent the remainder of his life with Rose and went to the road of death. Finally Rose survived.

At the end of the film the old Rose throws the diamond into the water instead of handing it over. For her it's the only memory which could remind her of Jack, as the diamond falls into the water, the memory will always exsist till the world ends.

Everybody have the weakness when they face to the disaster. But with the heart which fulled of love and the purpose of being alive, Rose have the braveness and the strenght. Love is hope, love is faith.

The review of Hachi

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Last week I saw a movie named Hachi. This is a story about a loyal dog named Hachi. At the beginning I found the movie on a web page, I thought it is a story about a dog did something amazing but old-fashioned. Of course I was wrong. The dog in
the movie just did a simple thing that he waited for his owner at the railway station. He slept on the sleepers at night, sat on the parterre near the railway line during the day, and ate the food that hot-dog vendor and nice stranger gave him. However, his owner is dead. The most moving plot is that Hachi lived at the railway station for waiting for his owner 10 years.

Parker was a college professor. One day, he encountered an stray dog at the railway station. He looked at the dog, and the dog looked at him. He felt something sympathetic bringing up in his heart. Therefore, he took it home and called it “Hachi”. When Hachi grew up, he accompanied Parker to go to the railway station on time. At 17:00, he appeared at the railway station exit to wait for Parker. However, one day, when he accompanied Parker he did something abnormal. And it was the last recollections between them. At that day, Parker died of the heart disease in the classroom. However, Hachi didn’t realize it. After that day he lived at the station for waiting for Parker and refused to lived in Parker’s family’s house even if they took him home many times. He waited for Parker for 10 years!

The ending of the movie is so touching that made me tearful. The moment Hachi died, he seemed to see Parker coming out from the station exit again, and said “Hachi, come on!”. He was very happy and ran to Parker rapidly. They reunited! And then the shot turns to the sky. I think they went to the heaven and live happily together forever.

As I watched the film, I was tearful. I was touched by the love between Parker and Hachi and the loyalty of Hachi. I learned something important that what the true love is and how to love! In my opinion Hachi is a great movie. Hachi deeply touched me. And by the way, the film was based on a true story happened in Japan in 1935. And now there is still a sculpture of Hachi in Tokyo’s shibuya station.

The Review of Titanic

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I saw the movie named Titanic this winter vacation. This is the third time that I had seen this movie. And every time I saw the extraordinary movie I had different feel.
Titanic tells a story about the affection about Rose and Jack. The love story is so moving that I shed tears on many occasions when I saw the movie. The protagonist of this movie is Rose and Jack. Rose lives in the polite society. She detests unfair, insincerity and dislike people make unrealistic comparison with each other. However, because of her hypocritical mother she had to marry a man whom she dislikes. Therefore she feels so lonely and helpless that she wanted to escape and even commit suicide. She went to the deck and decided to jump into the sea. At that moment she met Jack. Of course Jack saved Rose’s life. Jack is a boy who comes from lower society. He is not only a simply but also happy boy. He is different from the people that Rose meet. Maybe this is the most momentous reason that they fell in love each other. I think the most touching part is that Rose gave up the survival chance and choose to be with Jack together.

Titanic is an impressive movie because of not only the loving between Rose and Jack but also many touching details. For instance, when the ship sink the captain stood on the boat deck instead of escape. As for the ship, I think it is a ship of dreams. It carries a mount of dreams to America. And when titanic sink all kinds of dream were broken up. And for Jack even at the time going to die he still feels lucky have got the ticket so that he could meet Rose.

I am extremely impressed by the end of the movie. the old Rose throws the heart of ocean into the water instead of handing it over. I think the diamond is the symbolization of Rose’s heart. I think the end hints that Rose put her heart with Jack in the ocean forever. The love goes forever, the heart go on and on......

The excellent movie Titanic shows a lot of nice things such as love, dream, duty, hope and so on.

**THEME REPORT OF ROBINSON CRUSOE**

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This famous English fiction was written by DANIEL DEFOE, which is based on a real experience of a sailor called Alexander Selkirk.

The protagonist, of course is Robinson Crusoe. First, he set up a sugar plantation in Brazil, but when the chance came to take part in a trading voyage to Africa, he agreed
immediately, which he then regretted in latter years. Once his father warned him against going to the sea for it can be hazardous and no one would help himself.

As expected, he soon ran into trouble when he set sail for Africa. He had never seen such a furious wind that could capsize the ship! The ship then broke down, lots of companions died half way. He was threw to a dry land by the strong waves, and was so tired that he fell fast asleep.

When he woke up, it was broad daylight. He found himself on a desolate island. He was very lucky for he was the only survivor, but he was hungry and had nothing to protect himself. Things did not get better. So he went back to the broken ship, where he fortunately discovered provisions, pistols and muskets. He also carried available things to the island, including dogs and cats, which he could get a little consolation when he was alone.

The most importantly now was that he should find some place to protect himself from being attacked by beasts. He went around the island and finally chose a hill slope where he built a tent with strong defense. The shelter was also near the sea, for he hoped some ships might rescue him. He did not lose hope, even if the situation was not easy. What a strong human being!!!

He settled down on the desolate island, kind of tedious. So he began to record his longly life as a journal, which might be read by others. In the latter days, sometimes he went to the forest to hunt with dogs, sometimes went to fishing. He also planted corps and vegetables, finally he can eat what he planted before. As this way, he managed to make a living by his hands, and with confidence, he still believed that some day he would be rescued. He wanted to go back to the civilized world.

16 years passed, some day he found some footprints on the beach, at first he thought those footprints were his, but he soon realized he had not gone to that place. Then he found a tribe which was the so-called cannibalism, they had captured one of his partners!!! Robinson rescued the partner, he would not feel lonely anymore. They became good friends and enlarged the living area, sometimes they even found the life was going to be more happy!

At the end of the story, they got back to England by the help of a kind-hearted ship captain.

The whole book is in fact the journal of this fantastic experience. It recorded what happened to him, what he felt, and what he thought, during several decades. Although the adventure was full of difficulties, unbelievable loneliness, countless dangers, he did not give up and regarded the island life as a special life experience which might have a crucial influence on his life. Sometimes, we can see the desperation on this man, but what we feel more is that the precious spirit, that is the optimistic attitude towards life, even it is hard. Also, his strong heart and belief which supported him. That is what I get from this man. After reading this courageous novel, is there anything I can make it?

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**A Theme Report of**

*Harry Potter and the SORCERER’S STONE*

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Harry Potter is a bespectacled 11-year-old boy with a lightning bolt-shaped scar. He lived with his aunt and uncle—Dursly family since his peasants died. Mr. and
Mrs. Dursley, of number four, Privet Drive, were the last people who don’t involved in anything strange. For this reason, they didn’t like Harry Potter any more. During Harry’s growing-up years, there were many strange things happened such as his chaotic hair and the strangest thing was that he could talk with snakes.

On Harry’s 11th birthday, he received a letter form Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. He was told that he was a wizard and he was very famous in wizard’s world, because he has beaten Voldemort, the evilest wizard. On Sep.1st Harry arrived at Hogwarts, became a student of Gryffindor, and started his seven-year study life. In Hogwarts Harry made many friends, such as Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger. He also had a classmate called Draco Malfoy, a student of Slytherin, who often was against with him.

In Hogwarts, Harry learned many knowledge of magic, saw a dragon’s birth and he also found that this magic castle was hiding a Philosopher’s Stone. Harry tried his best to protect the Philosopher’s Stone, and he beat Voldemort again.

From this book I learned that we couldn’t know a person unless getting along with him for enough long time. Such as Hermione who always showed off herself, we all at first thought that she was a arrogant girl. But in fact she was warm-hearted.

Reading Report The Hundred Dresses

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Introduction:

Wanda is a girl with a strange name. She always wears a old blue skirt. Because of her’s name and old skirt, all the girls likes play tricks on her. Until one day Wanda
profess she has hundred dresses in her home, but no one believes her. Here comes more and more people’s mock. But Wanda doesn’t be angry of them, but stand other’s laughing quietly. One day, Wanda moves to another city.

Two girls, Martin and Paige, are used to make fun of Wanda as other people. One day they found the hundred dresses Wanda leaves. Suddenly they realize how Wanda a lovely and clever girl. Then they want to write a letter to Wanda to say sorry to her. Although at last Wanda doesn’t come back to the school, but she forgive they.

My Feelings:

I think it is a moving, warmly story. At first a think Wanda is a mysterious girl. In this book, the author describes her ‘always wears a old, sky blue skirt’. But with the time passed, I fell Wanda is not as strange as I think. In fact, Wanda is a warm-hearted and a kind girl. She dose not tells a lie to her students because she draws hundreds of dresses’ picture to each girl in this school. Maybe we all used to make fun for someone’s speaking or behavior, but everyone would has a glittering under their outside certainly. And the friendships and understanding can brake all of the Discrimination.

Theme Report

The gift of the magi

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O. Henry is my favorite writer. I have read his novels since I was a kid. I think his words are magical and attractive. You will not know the ending until the story ends.
The gift of the magi is one of his famous novels. Though I read it four years ago I still remember what the story told me.

Della and Jim were couple and they love each other very much. The next day would be Christmas but Della didn’t have enough money to buy a gift. So she sold her beautiful long hair to buy a golden fob in order to fix her husband’s gold watch which was fob left.

And Jim was thinking about gift too. He wanted to give his wife a nice present. Of course he was lack of money either. the only valuable thing he had was that gold watch which was without fob. So he sold his golden watch and bought a suit of precious combs for Della.

In the end, della bought fob for jim but jim’s watch had been sold. jim bought combs for della but della’s hair had gone. Isn’t funny? Or bitter?

What a lovely couple! Both of them sacrifice their most important thing and gave it to each other. They are magi undoubted.

We always send our gift to our close friends, teachers and parents. But everything we sent was not the real gift. It doesn’t mean those gifts are not precious. In fact they may be very expensive. But have you ever asked yourself: do you send gift through your heart?

Treat other people heart and soul. Warm everyone stands around you. Then you will be the magi, the most wise man.

Theme Report of Amber

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Amber is a kind of precious jewel, it doesn’t as shining as diamond, but different from others, which is more transparent and full of features. As for Amber, our main character in the novel, who just same as the amber. She’s a woman lived in the village. Her inherent beauty and temperament made she didn’t satisfied with the status. In her whole life, she continued to chase her true love, although she experienced a lot, Amber still stood by her mind and never gave up. In the double suffering of emotion and material, Amber realized the hypocrisy of moral
in the society little by little, so she chose the road of the career women bravely, she earned money by herself as a dancer, without the help of a man. She had known the essence of marriage in a patriarchal society, she didn’t want to be tied to marriage and family. The only purpose of marriage is for money and nobility. But Amber didn’t lose herself, she still a kind woman who helped others in difficulty.

Most of readers have a same question: What makes Amber from a simple farm girl to a fickle mammonish woman? I think the answer is: Because of the cruel society. At that time, women’s society status is at the bottom, through some of them fought for their due rights, without money and status, it sound impossible. Amber was a lucky woman, she had ambitions and found a man who could provide money for her. By her courage and intelligence, as well as a kind heart, she had and took the chance to become an upper-class person. I appreciate Amber’s determination and the consciousness of getting independent.

Dose Amber wrong? It’s not her fault to be like this. With money and nobility, it seemed that she had gotten all her want, but Amber always clings to her love. Nowadays, some people lose themselves in chasing money and status, they had already forgotten the original mind and qualities, and they hovering in the world blindly. They’ll never get happiness and purpose of life. About money, we don’t deny its importance, people can’t live without money. “Loving wealth is you get it in the right way and use it in right degree”, money can bring us anything but happiness. Happiness is a journey which needs us to experience, money will doesn’t work in front of happiness.

Amber is a pioneer, she reminds us that woman is an important character in the society. Now it comes true, women do their duty in the society, have the same and equal rights with men. The author wrote this novel with meaning of the spirit of independent women, it’s a quite good and influencing book, recommend this great novel to you sincerely! :)

P.S.: *Amber* wrote by Katherine Windsor in 1944, America. After it came out, soon became one of the best-selling books. A part of mother named their daughter “Amber” in that generation.

**Theme Report of *Daily Celebration***

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Recently I read a book named *Daily Celebration*, the writer is an Irish whose name is Barclay. The translator gave this book a poetic name: 花香满径. This book recorded the day that the writer passed as a deaf person. But he never feel sorry for himself and regret, although he can’t hear any sounds, he can enjoy a peaceful inner world. Each essay just like a flower blossomed on the road of your life, to make you love the life more. Because of Barclay is a Christian, so most of his essays are about the Holy
Bible. The view of his articles is about the religion, some persons don’t like this kind of literature, but I think it’s a good way to know more things about the society. I think this book is pretty good not only because its rhetoric, but also its philosophy of life. To give your more think of yourself, your life, people and things around you, be grateful to everything, try to find an easy way to life.

As for my feeling, the most important three points of this book I have learnt are: First, always keep a hope and keep looking forward. You cannot immerse the memories of past, memories only let us escape from reality. Meanwhile, don’t compare the present and the past; if you do, you will never feel satisfied, and stand stalled. Secondly, always have things to do, don’t waste every second of your life. One of the meanings of the life is to realize one’s value, make your life full, when you look back, it’s not blank. Loving the things you do, doing things you love seriously. The last one is love. To learn how to love, give up hatred; find the beautiful things around you, then you will find that everywhere is full of love and joy. Many things will go with the time, but only love is eternally.

Besides, don’t show off your happiness to others who aren’t happy, satisfied with happiness. Never afraid of death, no one will escape from death, so why don’t make everyday meaningful, live without regret. Every morning when you open your eyes, that’s the grace of the god, because it gives you chance to feel the world. With a thankful heart, nothing will annoying you, your life will become easy and joyful. Maybe there aren’t flowers on the road of your life, but if there is a road with flowers blossom in your heart, you still can feel it. That’s something I have learnt from Daily Celebration, and I wish, on everybody’s road, there’re flowers blossoming beautifully and shiny.

Theme Report of Gone with the wind

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Gone with the wind is one of my favorite books. The love story in this book is pretty wonderful, but I prefer the experience of Scarlett. Scarlett was an eager, willful girl of a Tara manor at first, she seldom thought of the feelings of others. Between the Civil War, her mother was dead, her father got mad, Scarlett’s two sisters were both young, as the eldest child of the family, Scarlett had to manage the whole family. In the story, we can see the growth and the wisdom in the chaos of a maid.
In the beginning of the story, Scarlett just liked a little girl, who wanted to get all things she wanted, she never thought about her family and the feelings of the one she loved. But when Civil War came, the little girl grew suddenly. Because she knew that she was the brace of the family now, she had to protect her family and people she loved. So in the hard time, Scarlett behaved bravely. She led servants to dig up the ground to get food, kill an intruder with a gun by herself. My favorite part in Gone with the wind is: when soldiers invaded her manor, she quickly put the jewels and money in the baby’s diaper. That tricked the soldiers so they had money left and they wouldn’t get in trouble. After the soldiers lighted up the fire to burn down the house, she went into the fire to save curtain that her mother’s favorite. I think Scarlett is really brave, she used her wisdom protect the Tara.

In the war, Scarlett grew into an adult. Although she met many trouble, faced to many things that she had never do it herself before, but she never lose her faith and give up. Scarlett never complained about her experience, she always be optimistic and believes that one day everything will be OK. Just like the famous sentence she said in the novel: “Tomorrow is another day.” When you are in a hard time, don’t be pessimistic; think of the problem in a different view, trouble just like a friend, it makes your heart and mind grow stronger.

Always encourage yourself: everything is going to be OK, and TOMORROW IS ANOTHER DAY!

Theme Report of Murder on the Orient Express

Agatha Christie, one of the best detective novel writers in the world. She created the most popular and greatest detective whose name is Hercule Poirot in the literary history. Poirot was a retired Belgian policeman, after the First World War, he began his second job as a private detective. Poirot had a very funny appearance: an egg-shaped head, green eyes as well as beautiful mustache, which are the
symbols of Poirot. He often wears tidy clothes with twinkling leather shoes. He was quite proud of his achievements in tracing crime, but likes claiming to be humble. When he was handling the case, he would say “Use your grey brain cells”. With his precise and calm mind, Poirot often solves the case very fast. In *Murder on the Orient Express*, Poirot showed his wisdom and acuteness again. The Orient Express was force to stop by the snow, while a rich man was found killed in his box on the Express. After Poirot’s first reasoning, he was sure that the murderer was in 13 people, which 12 of them are the passengers, the rest is a trainman. While poirot was researching, he found a very weird thing: each of the suspects had his proof of absence and their testimony as if they were colluding before. In the end, Poirot found out the further surprising revelations and solved the case perfectly.

I’m always fond of Agatha’s creative work. While reading her detective story, with her delicate descriptions, careful thoughts and attractive plots I’d love to guess which guy is the murderer, I think that’s the charm of reading the detective novels. But this time to my surprise, murderers were not only a single person, exactly is a group of people. That’s why I love Agatha’s novels, always leave you guessing and make you use your imagination to find out the truth and the murderer, but she always give us a surprising ending.

In the English literature, detective stories are one of successful combinations with novels and current events. The inspiration of writing this story came from a kidnap at that time, years later, on the Orient Express, Poirot began his research. Those grey brain cells worked out the complicated case again, Agatha interpreted the unlikely event like a real event, made her readers full of suspense until the end of the book. When the answers were debunked, they were so reasonable that you have to convince and agree.

When Hercule Poirot sits back and thinks, we’ll know his grey brain cells are working again while the truth will come out soon.

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**The Impression of Oliver Twist**

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The hero of this novel was Oliver Twist, an orphan, who was thrown into a world full of poverty and crime. He suffered enormous pain, such as hunger, thirst, beating and abuse. While reading the tragic experiences of the little Oliver, I was shocked by his sufferings. I felt sympathetic for the poor boy, but at the same time I hated the evil Fagin and the brutal Bill. Fortunately, as it was written in all the best stories, the goodness eventually beat devil and Oliver lived a happy life in the end. One of the
plots that attracted me most is that after the theft, little Oliver was allowed to recover in the kind care of Mrs. Maylie and Rose and began a new life. He felt as if he had left behind the world of crime and hardship and poverty forever.

How can such a little boy who had already suffered so many affliction remain entirely pure in body and mind? The reason is the nature of goodness. I think it is the most important information conveyed in the novel by Dickens. He believed that goodness could conquer every difficulty. I do believe that those who are kind-hearted live more happily than those who are evil-minded.

For me, the nature of goodness is one of the most necessary character for a person. Goodness is to humans what water is to fish. The one who is without goodness is an definitely worthless person. On the contrary, the one who is with goodness undoubtedly is a happy and useful person. People receiving his help are appreciated to him and he also gets satisfied from what he has done, and thus he can do good to both the people he has helped and himself.

To my disappointment, nowadays some people seem to doubt the existence of the goodness in humanity. They look down on people’s honesty and kindness, thinking it foolish of people to be warm-hearted. As a result, they show no sympathy to those who are in trouble and seldom offer to help others. On the other hand, they pay much attention to money and benefit. In their opinion, money is the only real object while emotions and morality are diminished. If they cannot get profit from showing their ‘kindness’, they turn back when others are faced with trouble and even hit a man when he is down. They are one of the sorts that I really hate.

I truly believe that a person without goodness is destined to lose everything, which may also be what Dickens wanted to tell us by the novel. Although it may not be possible for me to make it clear to the public how important to be a good person is, I will still try to a person with goodness, not only for others but also for myself.

The Impression of The Shawshank Redemption

Maybe it is really a pity for me to watch this famous film so late, but I do fell lucky to enjoy it when I was confused by what happiness and freedom actually is. The plot was more simple that I thought it should have been, but the truth behind it was remarkable. In my opinion, The Shawshank Redemption is related to hope and freedom.

Red, the guy in prison who could get nearly everything for other prisoners, said that hope is a dangerous thing which can drive a man insane. Having stayed in the prison
for 30 years, he was eligible enough to say like that because since the first day he came in, the warden told him that put your trust in the Lord and your body belongs to me. There seemed to be no hope for him to be released from the prison one day after being rejected by the officers so many times. However, Andy told him that hope is a good thing, maybe the best thing and good thing never dies. For Andy, there was a hope that never died in his heart even though he was an innocent man going to the prison. Eventually Andy spent 20 years tunneling through the wall with a rock hammer which Red thought would take a man 600 years to finish. When Andy stood in the downpour, laughing, I was deeply moved by his strong willpower. He would have never managed to do what he actually did without hope. I think people all need hope, even some hope is not likely to come true. Hope can inspire our courage, make us work hard and more importantly, it is a good excuse for keeping going when we are going to give up.

There are two scenes that impressed me the most. In one scene, all the prisoners were standing on the field quietly and calmly listening to the song, leaving all anger and complaints away and feeling free like normal people. In the other scene, when Brooks, a guy who had been in the prison for 50 years, eventually was released, he surprisingly preferred to stay in the prison. Incredible? I think so. They make me think about what true freedom is. Brooks got freedom physically but not mentally. His thought was so firmly captured by the institution that he could not be adaptive to the outside world. Wise as Red was, he also found it difficult to live like a normal person. They even thought about committing suicide. Thinking it carefully, we are kind of like Brooks, repeating the same things everyday under the control of others’ opinions, having the so-called freedom. Everyone’s time is really limited, which means we cannot waste any second living someone else’s life. To have freedom mentally, we need to stop letting the noise of other’s opinions drown out our own inner voice and to have the courage to follow our heart and intuition.

After finishing watching the film, there is a question always lingering in my mind: if I were in the Shawshank, whom would I become?

Theme report of Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

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I have read this book in Chinese version when I was in primary. At that time I just read for interesting and I didn’t understand the deep meaning. I didn’t start reading this book in English version until this summer holiday before the senior high school. Because of the understanding difficulties, I just finished reading it 4 days ago. In addition to, I picked up my memory and I understand some different thing during
With Lord Voldemort becoming stronger and stronger, Dumbledore felt obliged to do something to fight against Voldemort. He told Harry the story about the Horcrux (魂器), and gradually, Harry and Dumbledore began to find the Horcrux. At the same time, Dumbledore also sacrificed a lot. On the other hand, Severus Snape and Dumbledore had an agreement——let Severus to work for Voldemort and won the trust from Voldemort. Finally, Dumbledore was killed by Severus and the school came to a crisis.

After reading this book, I was very respect to Dumbledore. During all the book, he contributed a lot and helped Harry as much as possible.

From the book, I learned, if we want to finish a great and meaningful and helpful to other people achievement, we must sacrifice ourselves. Another important point, if we want to have better result, we must learn how to cooperation with others.

I love this book, it let me learn a lot.
Thanks for reading!