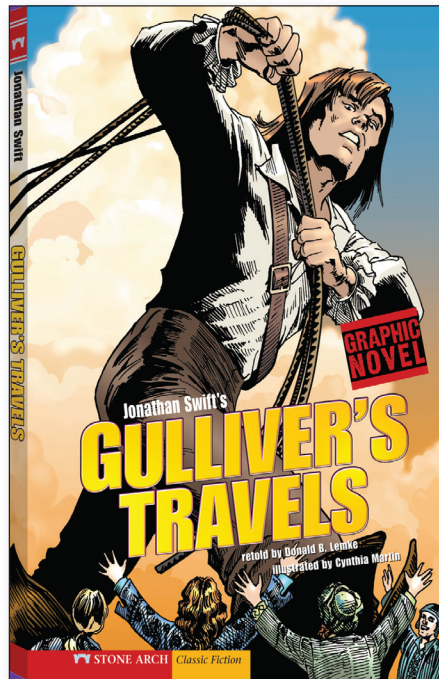




READER'S THEATER (Teacher's Version)



Jonathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels retold by Donald Lemke

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Characters:

- Lemuel Gulliver** — reads slightly below grade level
- The Emperor of Lilliput** — reads at grade level
- Counselor** — reads below grade level
- The people of Lilliput** — struggling reader
- Narrator** — reads above grade level

Genre: Classic Fiction

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Gulliver:

My name is Lemuel Gulliver. Even as a young boy, I believed, sometime or other, I would sail across the seas. Yet, I never could have imagined the places my travels would take me.

Narrator:

Gulliver took his first sea voyage on the ship called *The Antelope*. Many days out at sea, the ship was caught in a terrible storm. *The Antelope* crashed against huge rocks and split in half. Gulliver was hurled overboard. He fought against the waves as best as he could.

Gulliver:

I could hear waves hitting a shore, so I swam in the direction of the sound. Soon, I was crawling onto a sandy beach. I was so tired. I laid down and quickly fell asleep.

Narrator:

Gulliver was awakened by the noise of men working nearby.

Gulliver:

What's going on? I can't move!

Narrator:

Gulliver found that he was tied to the ground by lots of thin ropes. He was unable to move. He could hear strange sounds around him. Then he felt something crawl onto his chest.

Counselor:

Hekinah degul.

Narrator:

Gulliver was staring at a tiny man who was only six inches tall.

Counselor:

Hekinah degul.

Gulliver:

I don't understand. Let me go!

Narrator:

As Gulliver tried to free himself, other tiny people surrounding him fired arrows.

*** People:**

Tolgo ponac! Tolgo ponac!

Gulliver:

Ouch! Stop, that hurts. I'm sorry I don't speak your language. But if you understand me, I would be thankful for something to eat.

Narrator:

Gulliver made gestures to show that he was hungry. The little people poured food and drink into his mouth.

**Pronunciation varies*

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***People:**

Hekinah degul. Hekinah degul.

Narrator:

Then the ruler of the tiny people, the Emperor of Lilliput, came and visited Gulliver. Gulliver could tell he was an important person, so he asked the man for his freedom.

Emperor:

No!

Narrator:

Gulliver was taken to a city on the island. There he learned the language of the little people. He learned the island was called Lilliput. As the days went by, Gulliver grew very friendly with the tiny creatures. He soon learned that Lilliput was at war with another tiny kingdom called Blefuscu.

Emperor:

Man Mountain, you must help us.

Gulliver:

What can I do for you, your Highness?

Emperor:

The ruler of Blefuscu wants to destroy us! He is sending a fleet of his ships to attack our island.

Counselor:

We need your help.

Gulliver:

Don't worry. I will do what I can.

Narrator:

Gulliver waded into the ocean far out from Lilliput. The water only came up to his waist. When he came up to the ships from Blefuscu, the tiny sailors screamed in fright. Gulliver grabbed each of the ships by a rope and dragged them across the water to Lilliput. When he arrived onshore, the people of Lilliput were overjoyed.

People:

Hurrah! Hurrah!

Gulliver:

I have defeated their navy, your Highness.

Emperor:

Thank you, Man Mountain. Now there is only one thing left for you to do.

Gulliver:

I will do whatever you ask.

**Pronunciation varies*

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Emperor:

To show your loyalty to Lilliput, you must destroy the people of Blefuscu.

Narrator:

Gulliver was shocked.

Gulliver:

Your Highness, I could never do that.

Emperor:

If you do not obey me, then you will be destroyed!

Narrator:

Will Gulliver carry out the terrible orders of the Emperor of Lilliput? Will he disobey and be destroyed himself? How could such tiny people hurt him? And what will happen to the island of Blefuscu? To learn of Gulliver and the rest of his amazing adventures, read the graphic novel of *Gulliver's Travels*.

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