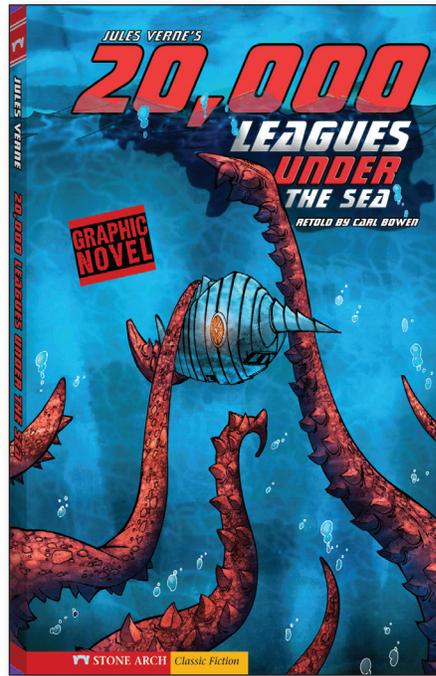




## READER'S THEATER (Teacher's Version)



### Jules Verne's 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea retold by Carl Bowen

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**Characters:**

- Narrator** – reads above grade level
- Ned** – reads slightly below grade level
- Professor Aronnax (air-oh-nax)** – reads below grade level
- Conseil (kohn-say)** – struggling reader
- Nemo (NEE-moh)** – reads at grade level

**Genre:** Classic Fiction

**Ages:** 10-14

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## 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea page 1

- Narrator:** It was the year 1867. All around the world's shipping lanes, a strange object had been sighted in the water. At first, this strange thing was exciting. But then it began attacking ships. Professor Pierre Aronnax and his servant Conseil were part of an expedition to find the strange underwater creature and stop it.
- Ned:** Professor, come up here. There it is!
- Narrator:** Ned Land was the world's greatest harpooner. He had a cannon for an arm and binoculars for eyes.
- Professor:** What is that?
- Ned:** It's glowing.
- Conseil:** Perhaps the narwhal glows in the dark.
- Narrator:** Professor Aronnax thought the strange creature might be a narwhal, a type of whale with a long, pointed tusk.
- Ned:** There it is again. Stand back! I'll hit it with this harpoon.
- Narrator:** CLANG!
- Conseil:** That sounded like metal.
- Professor:** How could that be?
- Conseil:** Sir! Look out! It's going to ram us!
- Narrator:** The strange creature rammed the side of the ship, knocking all three men into the sea.
- Professor:** We're done for, Conseil.
- Conseil:** Not while we can still swim, sir.
- Ned:** Over here.
- Professor:** What are you standing on?
- Ned:** This thing knocked us off the ship. It's no narwhal, Professor.

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- Professor:** You're right. It's some kind of underwater boat.
- Conseil:** Oh, no. Look behind you.
- Narrator:** The strange creature was a metal ship. It rose slowly above the surface of the waves. Conseil could see a metal door built into the side of the ship. The door opened and several dangerous looking men came out. The Professor, Conseil, and Ned were all taken into the ship and locked in a dark metal room.
- Ned:** This is outrageous!
- Professor:** Stay calm, Ned.
- Conseil:** I hear someone coming.
- Narrator:** A tall, fierce looking man entered their cell.
- Nemo:** I am called Nemo. I am the captain of this ship.
- Professor:** Why are we here?
- Nemo:** Because you attacked my ship, sir. You made yourselves my enemies.
- Conseil:** We thought we were shooting at a sea monster.
- Professor:** We would never have attacked civilized men.
- Nemo:** I am not a civilized man, sir. My crew and I have broken all our ties with the rest of humanity. The ocean is our home.
- Conseil:** What do you plan to do with us?
- Nemo:** You will stay with me on my ship. But only on one condition. If I ever tell you to stay in your cabin, you will. The rest of the time, you may do as you please.
- Ned:** What if we refuse?
- Nemo:** Then I'll put you back in the ocean where I found you, Mr. Land. Now come with me, gentlemen. I'll take you on a tour of the ship.

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**Professor:**

What do you call it?

**Nemo:**

I call it the *Nautilus* (NAW-tuh-lus). Welcome aboard.

**Narrator:**

Professor Aronnax, Conseil, and Ned are onboard the world's most amazing ship, the first real submarine. But they are prisoners of the strange Captain Nemo. Why does he live at sea? Where is the *Nautilus* (NAW-tuh-lus) heading? Will the professor and his companions ever escape the ship and return home? Find out what happens as they sail around the world, in Jules Verne's adventure, *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*.

**THE END**