

Gulliver's Travels

Jonathan Swift

How does the king turn Gulliver's proud account of England into evidence against it?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	The king judges England
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FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

Use the Anchor Text Table of Contents in the Enhanced Reader to open the START anchor. Then use the dropdown to select the END anchor.

SECTION / LOCATION	Part II, Chapter VI
START	He was perfectly astonished with the historical account I gave him of our affairs during the last century
END	the most pernicious race of little odious vermin that nature ever suffered to crawl upon the surface of the earth.
PASSAGE ID	sec-gul-02

THE MOVE

Reverse a speaker's intended evidence

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Gulliver proudly supplies the king with political history, institutions, and achievements, expecting admiration. The king accepts the same evidence but interprets it as proof of violence, greed, and corruption. The reversal shows that facts do not control their own moral meaning.

MARK

Underline two details Gulliver appears to offer as evidence of national greatness. Circle the king's judgment of those same practices. Draw arrows showing how the king converts pride into criticism.

NOTICE

- Which parts of Gulliver's account does he assume should impress the king?
- What values does the king use to judge those details differently?
- How can the same evidence support opposite evaluations without either speaker changing the facts?

THINK

Answer provisionally: How does the king turn Gulliver's proud account of England into evidence against it? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: How does the king turn Gulliver's proud account of England into evidence against it? Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and explain why.

STRONG ANSWER	The king accepts Gulliver's facts but judges them by different values. What Gulliver presents as evidence of national sophistication becomes evidence of war, greed, faction, and corruption.
EVIDENCE	Choose at least two pieces of Gulliver's proud account and pair each with the king's critical reinterpretation.
WATCH FOR	Do not say the king changes the facts. The lesson is about how the same evidence can be morally evaluated differently.
SOLO	Read the exact passage independently.
SUPPORTED	Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.
LISTENING	Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.

STUDENT PAGE · SAME PASSAGE, SAME THINKING

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OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

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3. **THINK** - Answer provisionally: How does the king turn Gulliver's proud account of England into evidence against it?
4. **WRITE** - Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.

Use evidence from the assigned passage. Show what you noticed and how the text supports your interpretation.