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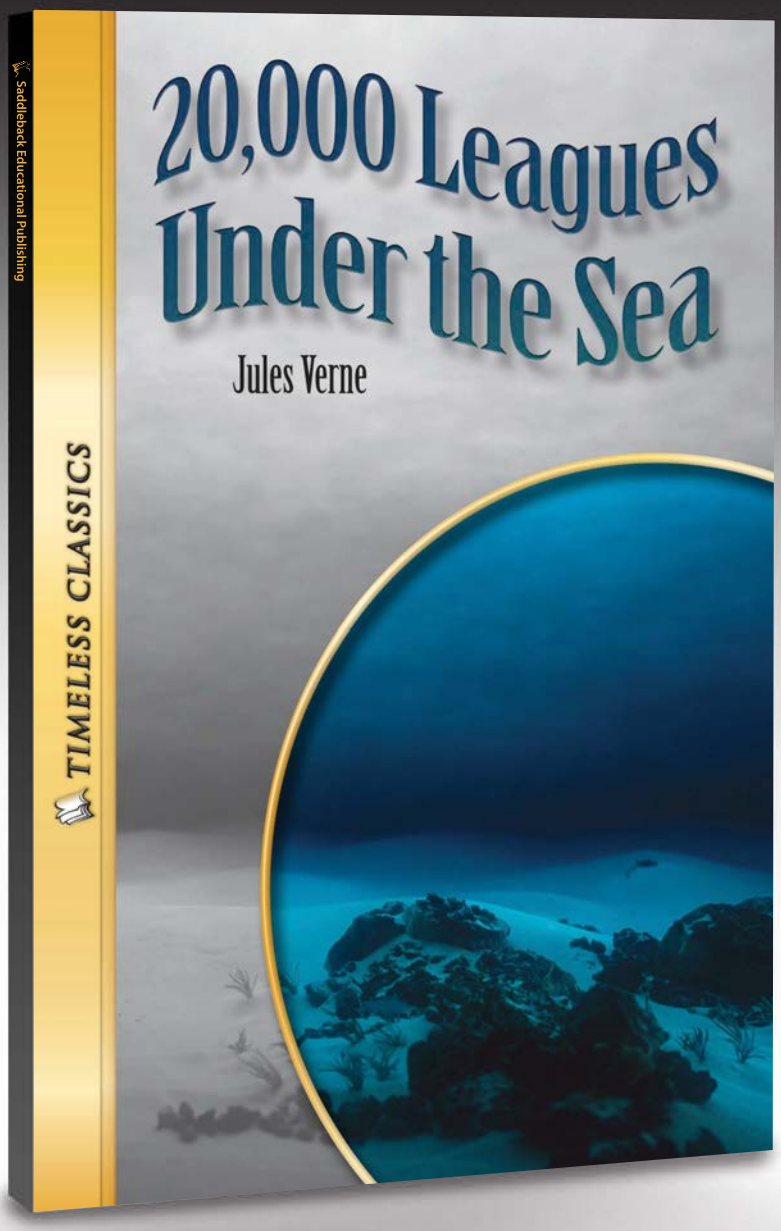

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WORDS AND MEANINGS

NAME _____ DATE _____

A. Complete the crossword puzzle with words from Chapter 1 that complete the sentences.

ACROSS

4. In Ned Land's ___, the "monster" was not a narwhal.
6. Conseil joined the narrator on every scientific ___.
7. The excellent Captain Farragut was ___ of the *Abraham Lincoln*.

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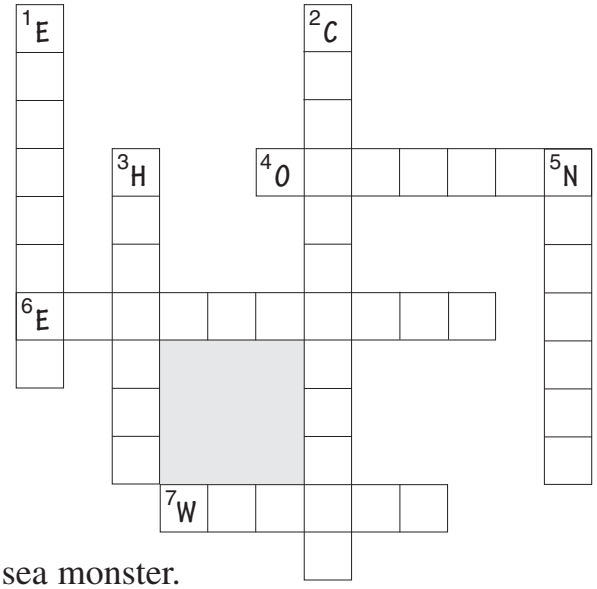
1. A hole was found when the damage was ___.
2. The *Scotia* was divided into ___.
3. Ned Land hoped to ___ the mysterious sea monster.
5. A giant ___ could pierce the hull of the ship.



B. Think about the meaning of the **boldface** word in each phrase. Then write an *antonym* (word with the opposite meaning) from the box after each phrase. Hint: You will *not* use all the words.

depths	risky	miniature	faithfully	safe	reluctantly

1. an **enormous** thing in the sea _____
2. watched the seas **eagerly** _____
3. lived miles beneath the **surface** _____
4. a **dangerous** mission _____

C. Now write a word from the box to match each **boldface** word with its *synonym* (word with the same or similar meaning). Hint: You will *not* use all the words.

fickle	dedicated	disbelieving	shatter	puncture	unaccountable

1. a **mysterious** object _____
2. **pierce** the hull _____
3. You're so **incredulous.** _____
4. my **devoted** servant _____

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COMPREHENSION CHECK

NAME _____ DATE _____

Circle a letter to answer the question or complete the sentence.

1. **What was observed when the mysterious "thing" was first spotted?**

   a. It was covered with iron plates.
   b. It glowed.
   c. It moved faster than a whale.
   d. both b and c

2. **Pierre Aronnax worked as a professor at**

   a. Harvard College in Cambridge.
   b. the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.
   c. the Museum of Natural History in Paris.
   d. the British National Aquarium in London.

3. **What ship was damaged by the unidentified "thing"?**

   a. the *Scotia*
   b. the *Abraham Lincoln*
   c. the *Nautilus*
   d. the *Bellwether*

4. **Who believed the "thing" was a sea monster?**

   a. Pierre Aronnax
   b. Ned Land
   c. Commander Farragut
   d. Conseil

5. **Ned Land was well-known as the**

   a. crazy American.
   b. prince of harpooners.
   c. most devoted servant.
   d. Canadian troublemaker.

6. **Ned Land didn't believe the "thing" was a narwhal because**

   a. whales aren't strong enough to pierce an iron plate.
   b. he had never harpooned a narwhal.
   c. the narwhal has a short, weak tusk.
   d. he thought Pierre Aronnax was a foolish man.

WORDS AND MEANINGS

NAME _____ DATE _____

A. Circle the hidden words. They may go up, down, across, backward, or diagonally. Check off each word as you find it.

___ **SCHEME**
___ **FATE**
___ **FOSSILS**
___ **OVAL**
___ **METALLIC**
___ **MUSEUM**
___ **RETREATED**
___ **VOYAGE**
___ **UNEVENTFUL**
___ **VALVES**
___ **ELECTRICITY**
___ **RUDDER**

S	C	O	V	A	L	A	G	N	F	Y	D
Q	I	X	B	A	M	S	E	O	T	P	L
U	L	N	W	E	L	R	K	I	J	C	M
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L	L	Y	J	F	O	R	S	L	P	A	I
E	O	D	E	T	A	E	R	T	E	R	L
V	U	N	E	V	E	N	T	F	U	L	S

B. Write words from the puzzle next to their definitions.

1. _____: with nothing happening that is unusual or important
2. _____: a power that's supposed to settle ahead of time how things will happen
3. _____: hardened remains or prints of plants or animals that lived long ago
4. _____: a flat piece of wood hinged to the rear of a boat and used for steering
5. _____: devices in tubes that control the flow of a gas or liquid
6. _____: a carefully put together plan or program
7. _____: containing or producing metal
8. _____: form of energy that comes from the movement of electrons in an atom
9. _____: journey by water

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

NAME _____ DATE _____

First, complete the sentences with words from the box. Then, number the events to show which happened first, second, and so on. Hint: You will *not* use all the words.

vests	**rail**	**falls**	**helmets**	**moon**	**floating**
calling	**fish**	**voice**	**harpoon**	**steam**	**standing**
cramps	**crew**	**bacon**	**captain**	**masks**	**swimming**
reward	**glow**	**jumps**	**engines**	**groan**	**harpooners**

_____ 1. Aronnax and Conseil think they hear a human _____.

_____ 2. Ned Land's _____ bounces off of something hard.

_____ 3. In the cold water, Aronnax's body stiffens with _____.

_____ 4. The *Abraham Lincoln* _____ decides that the search for the "thing" is useless.

_____ 5. To attract the sea monster, a large amount of _____ is thrown overboard.

_____ 6. Ned Land explains that they're _____ on some kind of iron monster.

_____ 7. Conseil _____ into the sea after his master.

_____ 8. By the light of the _____, Aronnax recognizes Ned Land's face.

_____ 9. Aronnax is thrown over the _____ and into the sea.

_____ 10. Eight men wearing _____ take Aronnax, Conseil, and Ned Land inside the submarine.

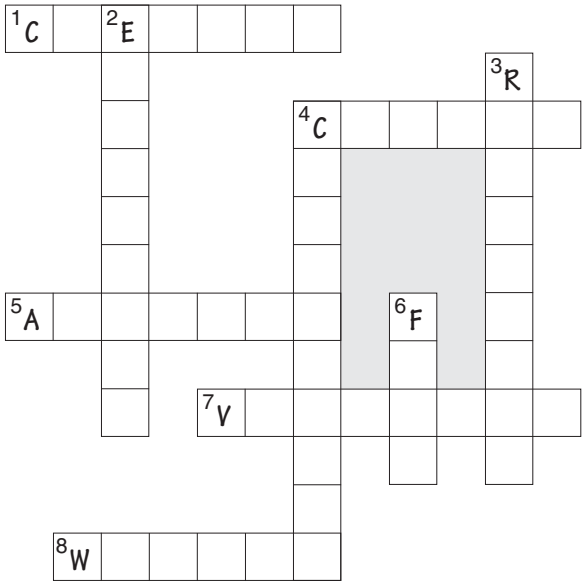
_____ 11. Aronnax and Conseil take turns swimming and _____.

_____ 12. "Put on all _____!" the captain orders the engineer.

ANTONYMS

NAME _____ DATE _____

A. Complete the crossword puzzle with *antonyms* (words with opposite meanings) of the **boldface** words in the clues. You will find all the answer words in Chapter 2.



ACROSS

1. The crew **booed**, knowing the time for attack had arrived.
4. The **blessed** animal swam just ahead of the *Abraham Lincoln*.
5. A thousand schemes were tried to **repel** the monster's attention.
7. The man let out a loud cry and then **appeared**.
8. I was not surprised that the **worthless** Conseil thought this was the natural thing to do.

DOWN

2. **Energized**, the crew wanted nothing so much as to return home.
3. As the ship **advanced**, the "thing" followed right behind her.
4. The crew was **rarely** on the lookout.
6. The "thing" was moving twice as **slow** as the *Nautilus*.

B. Read the phrases from the chapter. Then draw a line to identify the *antonym* of each **boldface** word from Chapter 2.

1. a state of **excitement**	a. question
2. cold was **extreme**	b. satisfaction
3. **gain** an inch	c. boredom
4. an **indistinct** sound	d. lowered
5. my body **stiffened**	e. clear
6. seemed to **answer**	f. relaxed
7. **lifted** my spirits	g. lose
8. the only **damage**	h. slight
9. felt great **frustration**	i. enhancement

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WORDS AND MEANINGS

NAME _____ DATE _____

A. Complete the crossword puzzle with words from Chapter 3. Clues are *synonyms* (words with the same or similar meaning) of the answer words.

ACROSS

1. mementos, keepsakes
5. mark, track, sign
6. socialized, domesticated
7. repositories, basins, supplies

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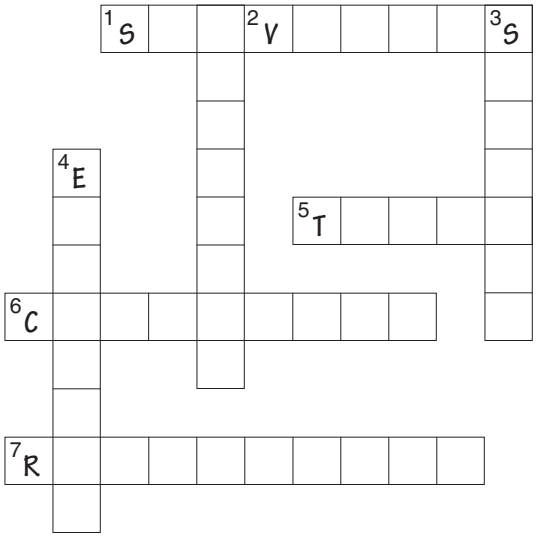
2. tools, instruments, implements
3. people, community, humankind
4. deserving, warranted, qualified



B. Now use words from the puzzle to complete the sentences from the story.

1. "I'm _____ to regard you as enemies," said Captain Nemo.
2. Nemo called the items in his museum "the last _____ of a world that is dead to me."
3. The *Nautilus* had huge _____ of air to use when it was underwater.
4. After the *Nautilus* was built, every _____ of the construction project was burned.
5. Having cut himself off from _____, Captain Nemo did not obey its laws.
6. The table in Nemo's dining room gleamed with silver _____.
7. "I am *not* a _____ man!" Captain Nemo declared.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

NAME _____ DATE _____

A. Write a letter to match each *cause* on the left with its *effect* on the right.

1. _____ While waiting, Ned Land becomes terribly hungry.
2. _____ The *Nautilus* is attacked by the *Abraham Lincoln*.
3. _____ Captain Nemo says his visitors must remain in their cabins at certain times.
4. _____ Captain Nemo reads some books written by Pierre Aronnax.
5. _____ Huge reservoirs on the *Nautilus* store air.
6. _____ Captain Nemo wants to talk to Aronnax in private.
7. _____ Captain Nemo says he has enough money to pay the national debt of France.
8. _____ Aronnax sees a sword-sharp spur on the front of the *Nautilus*.
9. _____ Captain Nemo has the *Nautilus* built on a small desert island.

a. He realizes what pierced the hull of the *Scotia*.
b. Conseil and Ned are served breakfast in their cabins.
c. The crew can stay underwater for long periods of time.
d. Almost no one knows of the existence of the *Nautilus*.
e. Aronnax resents being treated as a prisoner.
f. Aronnax stares at him in awe.
g. He grabs the first servant he sees by the throat.
h. The captain claims the right to treat his attackers as enemies.
i. He offers to teach Aronnax even more about the sea.

B. Answer the questions in your own words.

1. What was the **effect** of the *Nautilus*'s steel hulls?

_____

2. What was the **effect** of Nemo's offer to show Aronnax the underwater "land of marvels"?

_____

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