Questions for Discovery Channel Movie on Gulliver’s Travels

1. Why is the time that Jonathan Swift lived in call the Age of Reason?
2. What was the purpose of Gulliver’s Travels?
3. What was the tale about in Book I?
4. What was the tale about in Book II?
5. What was the tale about in Book III?
6. What was the tale about in Book IV?
7. From where did Swift get his ideas for the characters in the book?
8. Of what is Gulliver’s Travels a satire?
9. What was the court scene in Lilliput pertaining to? What was its purpose?
10. What was the land of the Brobdingnag a representation of?
11. Why did Swift change perspectives for the reader, meaning why did he have Gulliver go from being very big in the land of the Lilliputians to very small in the land of the Brobdingnagians?
12. Why does Swift insist on telling us things that we don’t want to hear or recognize?
13. Did Swift trust people in general?
14. What did Swift hope to portray when he wrote about the island of Laputa?
15. What was Swift point out to the reader in the land of the Strudlbrugs?
16. What is it that Swift wants the reader to think about in the land of the Houyenanms?
17. What is Swift truly saying when he describes the Yahoos?
18. Why did Gulliver relate more to the horses than the yahoos?
19. Why does he not want to be with his wife and son when he returns home?
20. What did Swift think about human nature?