

Read about the writer Jules Verne and answer the questions.

Jules Verne (February 8, 1828– March 24, 1905)

Life



He was born in Nantes, France. His father was a lawyer, and at the beginning, Verne wanted to study law too. When he was nineteen, he started writing literature, but his father wanted him to work as a lawyer, not as a writer. In 1847, his father sent him to Paris to study law.

Verne continued to study law until 1851, but all the time he was writing and meeting with other authors and artists. Finally, in 1852, he decided to give up being a lawyer, and become a full-time professional writer. His father was very unhappy with this decision, but Verne was **stubborn**, so he continued with his plans.

Over time, he became a fan of science. Because of his love of science and writing, Verne wrote stories that are now called "science fiction". Many people say Jules Verne was one of the creators of the science fiction genre.

Jules Verne took a sea **voyage** in 1858, and again in 1861. These voyages inspired his adventure stories. Verne married Madame Morel in January 1857. In August 1861, after his second sea voyage, their son was born. Sometime later, Jules Verne bought his own ship and began to travel with his wife, sailing to different ports around the world.

Verne lived to write. He wrote many stories. These included novels, **plays**, and comedies. He continued writing until his death. On 24th of March 1905, Verne, who was **sick** with diabetes, died at his home in Amiens, France.

Verne wrote his two **masterpieces** when he was in his forties:

> *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* (1870) tells the voyages of the submarine Nautilus, captained by the mysterious Nemo.

> *Around the World in Eighty Days* (1873) is the story of a bet made by a typical Englishman, Phineas Fogg. People say that Phineas Fogg is similar to Jules Verne's father, who had a mania for punctuality.



I) SAY TRUE or FALSE

- 1- Jules Verne died when he was young. _____
2. He never married. _____
3. His father wanted him to be a lawyer. _____
4. He was 24 years old when he became a professional writer. _____
5. He was about 50 when he wrote some of his most famous books. _____
6. He had two children. _____

II) MATCH THESE WORDS FROM THE TEXT WITH THEIR DEFINITIONS

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| 1-Stubborn (adj) | A-a piece of writing for actors on TV or at a theatre |
| 2-Voyage (noun) | B-book, movie, etc. that is excellent |
| 3-Masterpiece (noun) | C-with opinions that people cannot change or influence |
| 4- Play (noun) | D-ill, suffering from an illness |
| 5- Sick (adj) | E-A long journey or trip |