

5a Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea



Jules Gabriel Verne (1828-1905) was born in Nantes, France. As a young man, he studied law in Paris, but then he decided to become a writer. He published his first novel *Five Weeks in a Balloon* in 1863, and *Journey to the Centre of the Earth* in 1864. Other famous novels include *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* (1870) and *Around the World in Eighty Days* (1873). Verne liked writing adventure stories and was very imaginative. He wrote about inventions like submarines, television and spaceships. This was in the 1860s when such

1 8.4.2.1 8.4.3.1 Why do you think people call Jules Verne the father of science fiction? Read the biography to find out.

2 Look at the pictures (A-E). Which shows:

- 1 a man looking out of an underwater window?
- 2 a man falling into the sea?
- 3 two men getting onto a large ship?
- 4 some divers discovering a giant oyster with a huge pearl?
- 5 men standing on a submarine?

