

Victorian Literature Unit Study

Age Range: 10-14
Duration: 20 weeks

This is a study of Victorian literature and is designed to be used by a small group, meeting once a week with independent work to be completed between meetings. However, most of the work could be done by a family or individual child.

We have taken the film "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen" as a fun starting point and chosen the most age-appropriate books. We also substituted one with a book by the same author whose character is mentioned near the beginning of the film.

There is some geography work to do alongside using three of Evan Moor's continent guides. To supplement this, there is a suggested DVD documentary for each continent. A suggested work plan showing how the resources fit together can be found on page 3.

- **King Solomon's Mines**

Main character: Allan Quartermain
An adventure story set in Africa
Geography study Africa

- **Around the World in 80 Days**

Main character: Phileas Fogg (not in the film but mentioned)
An adventure story of a man travelling around the world
Geography study Asia

- **The Adventures of Tom Sawyer**

Main character: Tom Sawyer
Set in the Deep South of the United States
Geography study North America

The other characters are listed below together with the original book, should you wish to read/study them together with a link to a free study guide available on the internet where possible.

Captain Nemo	20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
Mina Harker	Dracula
Rodney Skinner	The Invisible Man
Dorian Gray	The Picture of Dorian Gray
Dr Henry Jekyll/Mr Edward Hyde	The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

Resources

Novels

[King Solomon's Mines](#)

[Around the World in Eighty Days](#)

[The Adventures of Tom Sawyer](#)

Literature Guides

[King Solomon's Mines](#)

Resource Mouse

[Around the World in Eighty Days](#)

Resource Mouse

[The Adventures of Tom Sawyer](#)

freebie

Geography Studies

[The Seven Continents Africa](#)

Evan Moor

[The Seven Continents: Asia](#)

Evan Moor

[The Seven Continents: North America](#)

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DVDs

[The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen](#)

King Solomon's Mines – there are several film adaptations.

[Around the World in Eighty Days](#) – Jackie Chan film (very funny but bears little resemblance to the book!) There are other versions of the film.

Tom Sawyer – many film versions are quite old.

[Africa](#) – David Attenborough documentary

[Around the World in Eighty Days](#) – Michael Palin documentary

[The States](#) – a documentary about America

Weekly Overview

Week	Book	Humanities Strand	Film/Documentary
1	Introduction		The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen
2	King Solomon's Mines Chap 1-4	Evan Moor Africa Section 1	Africa – documentary part 1
3	King Solomon's Mines Chap 5-7	Evan Moor Africa Section 2	Africa – documentary part 2
4	King Solomon's Mines Chap 8-10	Evan Moor Africa Section 3	Africa – documentary part 3
5	King Solomon's Mines Chap 11-13	Evan Moor Africa Section 4	Africa – documentary part 4
6	King Solomon's Mines Chap 14-16	Evan Moor Africa Section 5	Africa – documentary part 5
7	King Solomon's Mines Chap 17-20	Evan Moor Africa Section 7	King Solomon's Mines – film
8	Around the World in 80 Days Chap 1-6	Evan Moor Asia Section 1	Palin – Around the World in 80 Days 1
9	Around the World in 80 Days Chap 7-12	Evan Moor Asia Section 2	Palin – Around the World in 80 Days 2
10	Around the World in 80 Days Chap 13-18	Evan Moor Asia Section 3	Palin – Around the World in 80 Days 3
11	Around the World in 80 Days Chap 19-24	Evan Moor Asia Section 4	Palin – Around the World in 80 Days 4
12	Around the World in 80 Days Chap 25-30	Evan Moor Asia Section 5	Palin – Around the World in 80 Days 5
13	Around the World in 80 Days Chap 31-37	Evan Moor Asia Section 7	Around the World in Eighty Days – film
14	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer Chap 1-6	Evan Moor America Section 1	The States - documentary
15	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer Chap 7-12	Evan Moor America Section 2	The States – documentary
16	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer Chap 13-18	Evan Moor America Section 3	The States – documentary
17	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer Chap 19-24	Evan Moor America Section 4	The States – documentary
18	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer Chap 25-30	Evan Moor America Section 5	The States - documentary
19	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer Chap 31-36	Evan Moor America Section 7	Tom Sawyer - film
20	Compare and contrast books/films	Section 6 of each unit: assessment	