



# Around the World in 80 Days



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## What Do *You* Think? Questions for Discussion



**H**ave you ever been around a toddler who keeps asking the question “Why?” Does your teacher call on you in class with questions from your homework? Do your parents ask you questions about your day at the dinner table? We are always surrounded by questions that need a specific response. But is it possible to have a question with no right answer?

The following questions are about the book you just read. But this is not a quiz! They are

designed to help you look at the people, places, and events in the story from different angles. These questions do not have specific answers. Instead, they might make you think of the story in a completely new way.

Think carefully about each question and enjoy discovering more about this classic story.

1. Why do you suppose it is so important to Phileas that everything be exactly as he wants it? Do you know anyone who acts like this? Is there anything in your life that always has to be just right?

2. Why do you think Phileas agrees to make the trip around the world? Have you ever traveled? What part of the world would you most like to visit?

3. Fix says that one just knows when they're in the company of a bad man. Do you agree with this statement? Do your first impressions of people tend to be accurate?

4. Passepartout spends the trip through India marveling at the many animals he sees. What is the strangest animal you've ever seen? What is your favorite animal?

5. Why does Passepartout decide to join the Long Noses? Did you think he would do well? Have you ever been to the circus? What's your favorite act?

6. When Phileas offers to rescue Passepartout from the train bandits, the captain at Fort Kearny says to his men, "I need thirty of you to go with this brave man." Do you agree that Phileas is brave? What is the bravest thing you have ever done?

7. When the train conductor wants to leave without the passengers who were kidnapped, Aouda says, "I will not go. And you shouldn't either. It's shameful." Do you agree? What would you have done in the conductor's place?

8. Everyone tries to take responsibility for

Phileas arriving home late. Do you think it is actually anyone's fault? Have you ever accidentally ruined someone's plans? How?

9. In what ways is Passepartout different from Phileas Fogg? Which of the men are you more like?

10. The idea of time plays an important role in the book. How does it affect each of the characters? What role does time play in your life?