

Journey to the Center of the Earth

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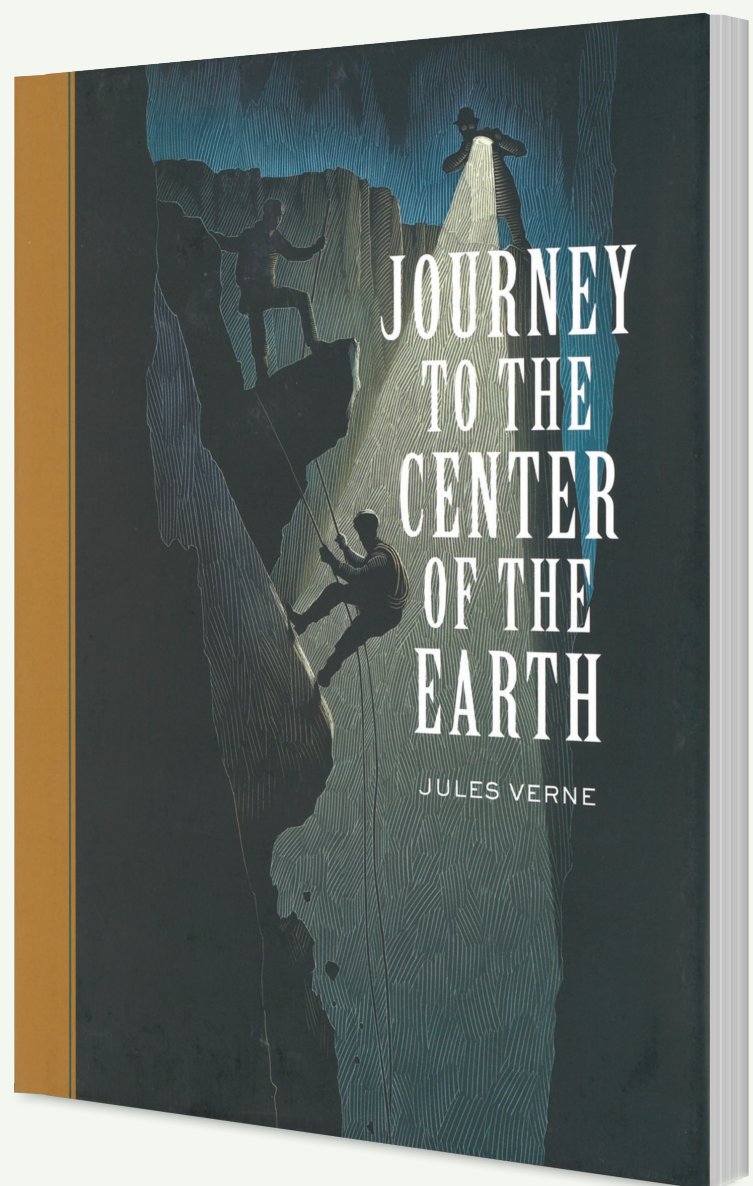
Explore the explosive workings of volcanoes, the techniques scientists use to study them, and how people live in the shadows of these explosive landforms.

Theme

Exploring Earth and Its Forces

Benchmark Vocabulary

Anguish	Inexplicable	Splendor
Attain	Inhabitant	Stupefied
Consulted	Interior	Terminating
Destination	Invigorated	Transition
Elevation	Perilous	Undertake
Excavation	Persistency	
Expedition	Provisions	



Close Read Questions

- How would you describe the way that Axel thinks about Professor Liedenbrock? How might Liedenbrock's description be different from another character's point of view, such as Martha's?
- Contrast the personalities of Axel and Liedenbrock. Which character represents the scientific/logical side of human nature, and which represents the romantic/emotional?
- A first-person narrator gives insights only to the narrator's thoughts and actions. There are a few different characters in this text. Why do you think the author chose Axel as the narrator? Was he an effective choice for telling this story?
- The story's events changed Axel by giving him pride in his accomplishments. How else has Axel changed? Are Hans and Professor Liedenbrock changed at the end of the story? If so, in what ways?
- How is the scientific mystery of the compass resolved on the final page of the story?