

How does Swift “reflect everyone’s face but [our] own” in *A Modest Proposal* and two other examples of satire?

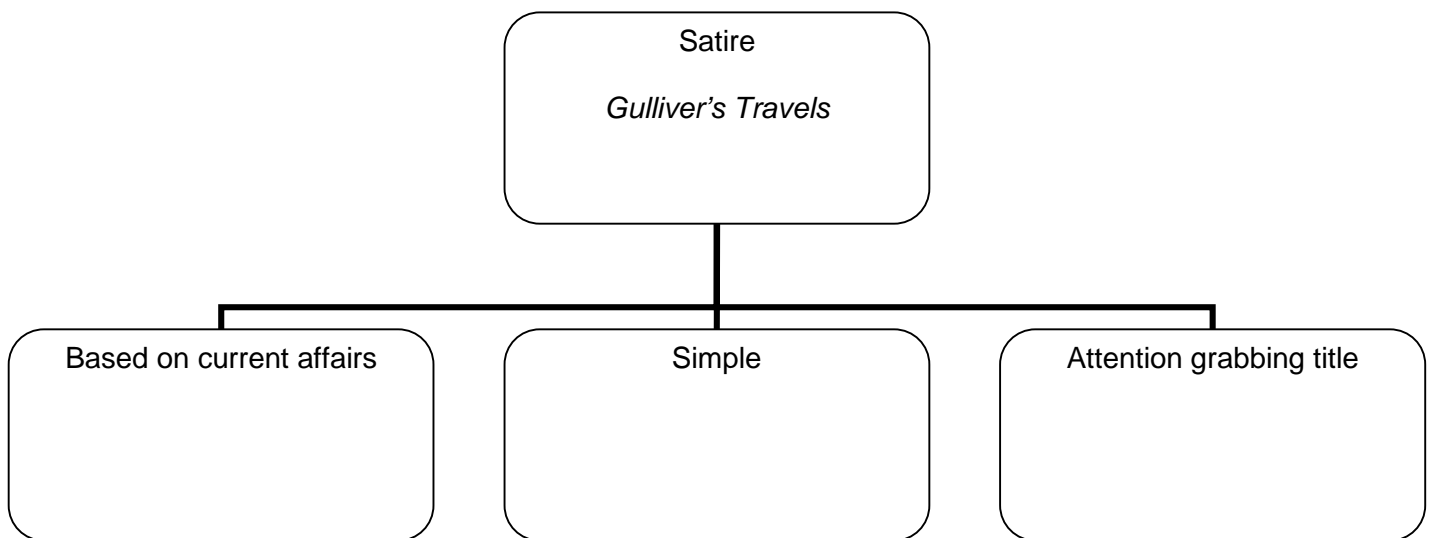
Satire is a form of literature which attacks human vice or folly through evoking amusement, contempt, indignation or scorn. Swift said it “is a mirror in which we see reflected everyone’s face but our own”.

**"my principal Design was to Inform,
and not to amuse thee" *The Travels* (IV:12)**

Read Chapter 6 of *Gulliver’s Travels* and then copy and complete this table in your book:

What Gulliver thinks is peculiar in Lilliput	Why he thinks it is peculiar	What we would do differently
eg They write “aslant from one corner of the paper to the other”	It isn’t what he is used to, except for from “ladies in England”	We would write from top left to bottom right

Then copy and complete to show how this section of *Gulliver’s Travels* meets the criteria for satire:



Utopia: a perfect society in which everyone works well with each other and is happy

Pick out 5 examples from the text (try to have them spread across it, not all from one place) where you think the founders of Lilliput would think that their society was UTOPIAN.

Dystopia:

Explain why they actually might be DYSTOPIAN. You’ll need to find out (or work out!) what this means...