

A Modest Proposal by Jonathan Swift Worksheet

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Worksheet on "A Modest Proposal"

- 1. In a sentence, what is the plan Swift is proposing?
- 2. Review the opening paragraphs until Swift actually presents his "modest proposal." What social conditions in Ireland impelled him to write this essay?
- 3. List 7 "benefits" of the plan.

4. List 3 statements that proves Swift is being satirical.

5. In the fifth from the last paragraph, Swift satirically presents several alternate ways of solving the problem. What are they?

6. Did Swift go too far in trying to prove his point? Is his suggestion so repugnant that his audience forgets about his messages? Explain your opinion in at least five well thought out, coherent, eloquent, stunningly brilliant sentences.