Prince Aleksander, would-be heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, is on the run. His own people have turned on him. His title is worthless. All he has is a battle-torn war machine and a loyal crew of men. Deryn Sharp is a commoner, disguised as a boy in the British Air Service. She's a brilliant airman. But her secret is in constant danger of being discovered.

With World War I brewing, Alek and Deryn's paths cross in the most unexpected way...taking them on a fantastical, around-the-world adventure that will change both their lives forever.

(Blurb from the hardback edition)


(Page references from the hardback edition except for the crossword which refers to the 2010 paperback edition)

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Reviews site  http://scottwesterfeld.com/blog/

Author’s web site

About the author

Scott Westerfeld is me. I’m the author of five science fiction novels for adults. I’ve also been an occasional ghost writer, which is like driving someone else’s car really, really fast for lots of money. (I could tell you what famous authors I ghost-wrote for, but then I’d have to kill you.) In my artsy days, I wrote music for artsy downtown New York dancers, some of which sounds like this.

I have written three sets of books for young adults. The first is called Midnighters, a tale of five teenagers born on the stroke of midnight, for whom time freezes every night, revealing a dark and terrible hidden world. All three books are out now.

My other trilogy is Uglies, set in a future where cosmetic surgery is compulsory when you turn 16, making everyone beautiful. Of course, there are some people who want to keep their own faces . . . but they’re not allowed. All three books—Uglies, Pretties and Specials—are out now. A companion novel to the trilogy, Extras, will be out in October 2007.

My third set of books is three stand-alone novels from Razorbill, all set in contemporary New York. The first is So Yesterday, about a cool hunter who runs afoul of a plot to end consumerism. The second is called Peeps, a "vampire" novel. The third is The Last Days, set in the same world as Peeps, which is also out now. I’ve also written a few short stories that you can find online for free, but be warned that all of them contain dirty words.

I was born in Texas, and split my time between New York City and Sydney, Australia. (I have more frequent flyer miles than you do.) You can read many personal details of my life on my blog. And consult the Scott fact sheet here.

Review

Anytime a new Scott Westerfeld novel hits the shelves, it is cause for buzz and celebration. His Uglies series is wildly popular, he continually hits the best seller lists and is a terrific writer. Couple Westerfeld’s popularity / writing skill with the burgeoning popularity of the Steampunk genre, then in Leviathan, you’ve got a sure-fire hit.

Leviathan is set in a 20th Century that is mostly familiar – Archduke Franz Ferdinand is murdered and World War I begins. The definition of mostly in Leviathan is multi-layered. The first of which is that Ferdinand had a son named Alek who survived and escaped the
night of his parents’ murder inside a giant walking tank with a retinue of loyalists. In the real world Ferdinand of course did not have a son named Alek. The Austro-Hungarians and Germans, for their reliance on mechanical technology like the walking machines that resemble giant robots, are known as Clankers. There were, of course, no walking robot-like tanks in existence during the time in which the book takes place.

Of course this technology was not quite as advanced in 1914 of our world as it is in the world of Leviathan. Westerfeld’s descriptions were enough to give hints and really put me in the seat with Alek as he piloted his walking tank across the European landscape. Furthermore, Alek is genuine in that while he is somewhat oblivious to world events and headstrong, Westerfeld doesn’t make him a complete idiot. The balancing act can be tough to manage with the typical orphaned heir and Westerfeld pulled it off exceedingly well – I liked Alek, I felt for his plight, and I found myself rooting for him throughout the story.

In contrast to the mechanical technology employed by the German/Austrians, the British/Allied Powers utilize biological technology in nearly all aspects of warfare. The British are also known as Darwinists – for Charles Darwin who discovered DNA in Westerfeld’s imagined world. The British extrapolated this discovery to DNA-manipulation, genetically engineering creatures including the titular Leviathan which is a floating whale and Britain’s most powerful and recognizable airship. Other creatures include six-legged ‘sniffers’ or bloated jellyfish which are essentially personal air balloons. While Alek gives the young perspective on the Austrian side of the conflict, on the British side, young Deryn Sharp disguises herself as a boy so she can join the British Air Service. Deryn’s father served in the British Armed forces and she wishes to follow in his footsteps. However, girls are precluded from joining so she must go in disguise. Her early scenes in training are held together very well, especially when she takes flight in a runaway jellyfish-balloon.

So, there are a lot of dichotomies in this novel and world – mechanized technology v. biological technology; boy protagonist v. girl protagonist; Allied Powers v. the Central Powers. The technology conflict is presented in a very engaging manner, with the Clankers showing revulsion at the manipulated life forms, while the Darwinists think the Clankers some kinds of heretics for their devotion to mechanized technology.

Fortunately, Westerfeld populates his world and this novel in particular with fully realized supporting characters – Alek’s retinue including the Count Volger as well as the mysterious Dawinia, who turns out to be Charles Darwin’s granddaughter. It is this character who might come across as the most flippant, at least initially. As the story evolves, so does her character and the mystery behind her true purpose which seems to lead directly into the next volume of the trilogy. One might say it is a cliffhanger of an ending, because of the big tease Westerfeld give the readers. On the other hand, Leviathan is effective in setting up the world, giving good character development and providing a small sense of closure.

In the end, Scott Westerfeld does a lot of the things with this novel that have rightfully earned him the reputation of a great storyteller. He skilfully weaves Deryn and Alek’s stories towards their eventually meeting, keeping tension high throughout. He surrounds the main characters with a great supporting cast and he puts all of these people in a
fascinating world with a great conflict that is a great mix of familiar and refreshingly new. *Leviathan* is only the opening novel of a series, so the ending is just a beginning and in that, Westerfeld leaves me wanting more. With classy and evocative illustrations by Keith Thompson, *Leviathan* is highly recommended.

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*From*: http://www.sffworld.com/brevoff/573.html

Here are some notes about the map from Keith Thompson, explaining what all the symbolism means:

**The Clanker Powers**

“Germany is a massive military machine with weapons aimed outwards to all surrounding countries. It points threateningly at Britain, not so much as a sign of direct aggression, but more as an indicator that it was now Germany’s turn to start a grand global Empire to challenge the world’s current one.

“Austria Hungary is an aggressive armoured giant, teetering on shoddy foundations. It is also the primary aggressor in a land grab against Serbia, with two bayonets piercing the border.
“The Ottoman empire is a teetering automaton, collapsing under the weight of a paranoid and ungainly spying network that gazes at Europe through many lenses and spy glasses.

“The Swiss watch ticks away the time, comfortable to wait it all out.”

**The Darwinist Powers**

“Britain is an militaristic lion beast with a Roman Imperial italic-type helmet. It sits upon a mound of riches gathered from its Empire.

“France’s elephant beast (wearing the French kepi they started the war with before adapting their firefighter helmets) is influenced by the Elephantine Colossus built for the Universal Exhibition of 1889 in Paris (later it ended up going to the Moulin Rouge.) It also represents France’s huge significance in WWI, which is something that tends to get a little glossed over.

“Russia is a huge imperialist bear, rotting and filled with maggots. (Russia collapsed during the real war.)

“Serbia’s imagery (a skeleton) is an indicator of the huge amounts of civilian deaths and suffering they’ll find themselves subject to.

“Norway and Sweden are both Scandinavian trolls in the style of John Bauer, an incredible and inspirational illustrator from the time who produced a lot of phenomenal work during the war.

“Portugal is a parrot for the Entente trying to goad a slumbering Spain into the war (this was based on something from a contemporary map and I’m not totally sure about the viewpoint’s veracity, but I couldn’t resist the image, and it seemed to match up with what I knew of the situation.)

“Ireland looks askance to Britain and brandishes a shillelagh. An indicator of their very rough relationship at the time, and of their upcoming involvement with the Central powers.

“Italy is a clutch of snakes with intents on the Central powers despite existing agreements. A foreshadowing of their arrangements at the secret 1915 Treaty of London where they were promised land in exchange for involvement. It was heavily influenced by Italian Prime Minister, Antonio Salandra’s open policy of serving Italy’s self-interest (there’s a great quote where the notion of ‘divine self-interest’ is invoked, but I can’t dig it up unfortunately.)”

From: [http://scottwesterfeld.com/blog/2009/10/leviathan-art-the-grand-map/]
Activities

**Remember** (Locating / retrieving knowledge)

- Make a time line of events from the story
- What animals are mentioned in the story and what impact / influence do they have?
- Write an acrostic poem (Leviathan or Clanker)
- Make an A to Z Chart of words from the story
- In your sketch pad and using a variety of art material draw what you regard as the pivotal episode from the story.
- Write a top 5 facts about the world of Leviathan for a notice board display
- Create your own graphic novel of an episode from the story as it is read as a serial. (At the completion of the serial you will have your own mini graphic novel)
- Complete a crossword and word search based on Leviathan
- Complete reading comprehension activities and a cloze activity based on the novel
- Make a list of quotations from Leviathan and link them to the character that said it.
- Prepare a thumbnail sketch of characters from Leviathan including both appearance and character. (Start with a simple web graphic organiser) Prove the character traits you’ve attributed to characters by citing events from the story. (Use the Character traits BLM provided)
- Children devise 5 quiz questions after reading a chapter of either story and test each other after the book is completed.

**Understand** (Paraphrasing, categorising, extrapolating)

- Retell an episode in the story in your own words.
- Write a set of true or false questions about the story as part of a class quiz.
- Create a for sale advertisement for the walker. (What can they be used for other than making war?)
- Draw a cartoon / comic of an important scene or event from the story.
- What emotions was Alek and Deryn feeling at pivotal points in the story (Children determine the pivotal points) and write a mini-play highlighting dialogue between 2 characters such as between Deryn and Dr. Barlow or between Alek and the Count)
• Ask children to determine what was the most important event or personal attribute that helped Alek to survive? Use a simple web graphic organiser to create a profile of him. Include a portrait of him in the style of the old royal portraits from the time.

• Complete a cause and consequence chart

• Describe the job/role of characters from the book. Create a job advertisement for their roles.

• Create a glossary of ‘bid’ words like leviathan, behemoth, goliath etc.

Apply (Applying knowledge)

• Create your own collection of Clanker type artefacts.

• Create a story map for Leviathan including relevant information about events.(Use the map provided in the end papers to help)

• Create a ‘pop up’ book, diorama or mural for an episode of the book

• Create a missing persons poster or a wanted poster for Alek.

• List 2 problems in the book and how they are resolved.

• How does Deryn define bravery? In what ways does she demonstrate bravery? Create a bravery award for her with a citation.

• Design a map of Deryn and Alek’s respective journeys with captions and images highlighting important events.

• Design a newspaper front story as if Deryn was relating her experiences to a journalist or an Austrian newspaper with a story about the assassination and disappearance of the prince.

• Make a board game about the story.(Play Diplomacy or Risk)

• Design a poster for the library to illustrate one of Scott Westerfeld’s books. (Find out about the author.)

• Create a model of one of the Clankers machine monsters.

• Create a PowerPoint project about: tanks, trench warfare, airships, thylacines the Hindenburg disaster, ironclad warships, Political assassination, World War One, Austria Hungary, Switzerland or Charles Darwin.

Analyse (Distinguishing relevant from irrelevant, determining points of view and how elements fit and function within a structure)
• Write a commercial to sell the positives of Darwinist creations

• Create an ‘action graph’ for selected episodes from the story.

• Prepare a fact file or oral report on the true causes of World War One.

• Complete a KLM for the book. (What have you learnt about the origins of World War One or Steampunk novels?)

• Create a Venn diagram for the Clanker world and Darwinist world or compare Alek at the start of the story and at the end.

• Write a ‘How to’ guide for an activity demonstrated in the book such as running in a Walker or riding safely in a Huxley.

• Design a new front cover for the book

• Write 5 questions you would ask the author (Write to Scott Westerfeld)

• Create a list of the top 5 steampunk books students have read.

• Visit a transport / war museum or war memorial and create a tourist brochure about it.

• Create a ‘Y Chart’ of an event from the story.

Scott Westerfeld has released Behemoth (the 2nd book in the trilogy and just finished writing the 3rd book Goliath.)

Evaluating (Checking and critiquing)

• How could certain situations be handled differently than in the story? (Alek makes a lot of mistakes. For example what if he hadn’t wanted to help the downed aircrew?)

• Who would you be best friends with? Why?
• Write a critical review of the story on an alternative DVD cover with an illustration of what you believe is the most important episode from the story.

• Using De bono’s six hats to discuss what the main characters do at dangerous points in the story. How do they survive?

• If the book was being made into a movie what changes would you make?

• Complete a Literary character report card for one of the characters. (Use your own design)

• Draw a pivotal episode from the story as a puzzle. Compare what other children considered an important event.

• If you included yourself in the story, who would you be? Why?

Create (generating, planning and producing)

• Create a new domestic ‘fab’ to help around the house. Plan a marketing campaign for it.

• Write an alternate ending for the story. Write an additional chapter

• Create a crossword for Leviathan using Puzzlemaker.

• Write a postcard as if you were Deryn to her brother telling about some of her adventures.

• Develop a book report about the story using a format of your own, which we can put on the school’s web site.

• Create your own ‘Leviathan’ PowerPoint presentation. Children will recall elements of the story (characters, problem, solution and events) on slides.

The PowerPoint should consist of 5 slides:

1) The title

2) Character slide (listing the important characters, facts about them and a picture)

3) The problem (Describe the major problems faced by the characters.) What is the main plot and 2 sub-plots.

4) Solution (Describe the solution to the problem)

5) Summary (A summary of the story)
The Austrian horses glinted in the moonlight, their riders standing tall in the saddle, swords raised. Behind them two ranks of diesel-powered walking machines stood ready to fire, cannon aimed over the heads of the cavalry. A zeppelin scouted no-man's-land at the center of the battlefield, its metal skin sparkling.

The French and British infantry crouched behind their fortifications—a letter opener, an ink jar, and a line of fountain pens—knowing they stood no chance against the might of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. But a row of Darwinist monsters loomed behind them, ready to devour any who dared retreat.

The attack had almost begun when Prince Aleksandar thought he heard someone outside his door. . . .

He took a guilty step toward his bed—then froze in place, listening hard. Trees stirred in a soft breeze outside, but otherwise the night was silent. Mother and Father were in Sarajevo, after all. The servants wouldn't dare disturb his sleep.

Alek turned back to his desk and began to move the cavalry forward, grinning as the battle neared its climax. The Austrian walkers had completed their bombardment, and it was time for the tin horses to finish off the woefully outnumbered French. It had taken all night to set up the attack, using an imperial tactics manual borrowed from Father's study.

It seemed only fair that Alek have some fun while his parents were off watching military maneuvers. He'd begged to be taken along, to see the mustered ranks of soldiers striding past in real life, to feel the rumble of massed fighting machines through the soles of his boots.

It was Mother, of course, who had forbidden it—his studies were more important than 'parades,' as she called them. She didn't understand that military exercises had more to
teach him than musty old tutors and their books. One day soon Alek might be piloting one of those machines.

War was coming, after all. Everyone said so.

The last tin cavalry unit had just crashed into the French lines when the soft sound came from the hallway again: jingling, like a ring of keys.

Alek turned, peering at the gap beneath his bed chamber's double doors. Shadows shifted along the sliver of moonlight, and he heard the hiss of whispers.

Someone was right outside.

Silent in bare feet, he swiftly crossed the cold marble floor, sliding into bed just as the door creaked open. Alek narrowed his eyes to a slit, wondering which of the servants was checking on him.

Moonlight spilled into the room, making the tin soldiers on his desk glitter. Someone slipped inside, graceful and dead silent. The figure paused, staring at Alek for a moment, then crept toward his dresser. Alek heard the wooden rasp of a drawer sliding open.

His heart raced. None of the servants would dare steal from him!

But what if the intruder were something worse than a thief? His father's warnings echoed in his ears. . . .

You have had enemies from the day you were born.

A bell cord hung next to his bed, but his parents' rooms were empty. With Father and his bodyguard in Sarajevo, the closest sentries were quartered at the other end of the trophy hall, fifty meters away.
Alek slid one hand under his pillow, until his fingers touched the cold steel of his hunting knife. He lay there holding his breath, grasping the handle tightly, repeating to himself his father’s other watchword.

Surprise is more valuable than strength.

Another figure came through the door then, boots clomping, a piloting jacket's metal clips jingling like keys on a ring. The figure tromped straight toward his bed.

'Young master! Wake up!'

Alek let go of the knife, expelling a sigh of relief. It was just old Otto Klopp, his master of mechaniks.

The first figure began rifling through the dresser, pulling at clothes.

'The young prince has been awake all along,' Wildcount Volger's low voice said. 'A bit of advice, Your Highness? When pretending to be asleep, it is advisable not to hold one's breath.'

Alek sat up and scowled. His fencing master had an annoying knack for seeing through deception.

'What's the meaning of this?'

'You're to come with us, young master,' Otto mumbled, studying the marble floor. 'The archduke's orders.'

'My father? He's back already?'

'He left instructions,' Count Volger said with the same infuriating tone he used during fencing lessons. He tossed a pair of Alek's trousers and a piloting jacket onto the bed.

Alek stared at them, half outraged and half confused.
'Like young Mozart,' Otto said softly. 'In the archduke's stories.'

Alek frowned, remembering Father's favorite tales about the great composer's upbringing. Supposedly Mozart's tutors would wake him in the middle of the night, when his mind was raw and defenseless, and thrust musical lessons upon him. It all sounded rather disrespectful to Alek.

He reached for the trousers. 'You're going to make me compose a fugue?'

'An amusing thought,' Count Volger said. 'But please make haste.'

'We have a walker waiting behind the stables, young master.' Otto's worried face made an attempt at a smile. 'You're to take the helm.'

'A walker?' Alek's eyes widened. Piloting was one part of his studies he'd gladly get out of bed for. He slipped quickly into the clothes.

'Yes, your first night lesson!' Otto said, handing Alek his boots.

Alek pulled them on and stood, then fetched his favorite pilot's gloves from the dresser, his footsteps echoing on the marble floor.

'Quietly now.' Count Volger stood by the chamber doors. He cracked them and peered out into the hall.

'We're to sneak out, Your Highness!' Otto whispered. 'Good fun, this lesson! Just like young Mozart!'

The three of them crept down the trophy hall, Master Klopp still clomping, Volger gliding along in silence. Paintings of Alek's ancestors, the family who had ruled Austria for six hundred years, lined the hallway, their subjects staring down with unreadable expressions. The antlers of his father's hunting trophies cast tangled shadows, like a moonlit forest. Every footstep was magnified by the stillness of the castle, and questions echoed in Alek's mind.
Wasn’t it dangerous, piloting a walker at night? And why was his fencing master coming along? Count Volger preferred swords and horses over soulless mechaniks, and had little tolerance for commoners like old Otto. Master Klopp had been hired for his piloting skills, not his family name.

'Volger . . . ,' Alek began.

'Quiet, boy!' the wildcount spat.

Anger flashed inside Alek, and a curse almost burst from his mouth, even if it ruined their stupid game of sneaking out.

It was always like this. To the servants he might be 'the young archduke,' but nobles like Volger never let Alek forget his position. Thanks to his mother's common blood, he wasn't fit to inherit royal lands and titles. His father might be heir to an empire of fifty million souls, but Alek was heir to nothing.

Volger himself was only a wildcount—no farmlands to his name, just a bit of forest—but even he could feel superior to the son of a lady-in-waiting.

Alek managed to stay quiet, though, letting his anger cool as they stole through the vast and darkened banquet kitchens. Years of insults had taught him how to bite his tongue, and disrespect was easier to swallow with the prospect of piloting ahead.

One day he would have his revenge. Father had promised. The marriage contract would be changed somehow, and Alek's blood made royal.

Even if it meant defying the emperor himself.

Questions

1. List 2 words in the first paragraph that describe how objects look in the moonlight.
2. How are the French and British fortification described in the second paragraph.
3. Where are Aleksandar’s parents? Find it on a map. What country is it the capital of?
4. What is Alek playing? Where has he set them up? How long had it taken to set them up?
5. Draw an Austrian soldier in 1914 uniform.
6. What is the sound made by the whispers in the hallway?
7. What was Alek’s father’s warning to him? (Use a portrait of Franz Ferdinand with a speech bubble to answer this question)
8. How far away were the sentries from Alek’s room?
9. Count Volger said “When pretending to be asleep you shouldn’t ......
10. What famous composer was supposedly woken up in the middle of the night and taught musical lessons. (Find a portrait of him on the internet and list 3 of his famous pieces of work)
11. Otto said that Alek was to take his first night lesson in a ........
12. How long had Alek’s family ruled Austria?
13. Would Alek one day become emperor of Austria?
14. Draw a comic of what happens next or write a telegram from Alek to his father telling him what happened next. (Investigate what a telegram looked like and re-create it. Use no more than 30 words to tell your story.)

Austrian Army uniforms 1914
Across

2. Type of clanker that Alek escaped in.

7. Daryn was getting cheek from a message ........................ (page 73)

8. Alek hit the flare with the heavy cavalry ............. (page 182)

12. The Leviathan was heading for the capital of the Ottoman Empire.

16. Young Austrian prince

17. England was a ............ country (Refer map)

18. The German stormwalker SMS .......... (page 48)

Down

1. Name of the 60 000 tonne Wotan class land frigate (page 163)

3. It broke in half and fell to the Earth in flames.(page 360-361)

4. The fugitives were heading for safety in ......................... (central European country)

5. It smashed up the schooner and pulled it beneath the waves (page 114)

6. The second title in the series.

8. The color of Leviathan (page 77)

9. The last of the gold .............. were jettisoned. (page 408-409)

10. Count.......... was Alek's fencing coach.

11. Dr Barlow was ................. grand-daughter.

13. Dr Barlow had a pet ..........(page 54)

14. The half-wolf tiger was a ............. beast. (page 30-31)

15. They'd been hunting Alek since the first night.

19. Its body was made from the life threads of whales.
Steampunk craft ideas:
http://www.craftster.org/forum/index.php?action=tags;sa=showtopics;tag=steampunk

Steampunk for kids:
http://www.squidoo.com/steampunk-kids

Great images
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**What I Have Learned**

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Venn diagram

Similarities
LEVIATHAN  ‘Y Chart’ for

‘Y Chart’ for ..................................................

What you might hear

What you might feel

What you might see
LEVIATHAN  (Letter to Jaspert. Consider designing a postcard for it)
Latest news from the front
LEVIATHAN

TOP 5 FACTS ROUGH DRAFT (Illustrate one of your facts in the style of Keith Thompson for a classroom display)
Funniest Saddest Happiest Most and most Unbelievable

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Some of the traits in the list below fit Deryn and some do not. Select 4 traits that best describe him and write them on the chart. Then for each trait, list one action in which Deryn exhibits the trait.

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- **Intelligent**: funny
- **Honest**: hardworking, problem solver
- **Co-operative**: loyal, brave
- **Serious**: sad, greedy

For each trait, list one action in which Deryn exhibits the trait.
LEVIATHAN  (Literary Sociogram)

Draw portraits of the characters and link them up with an explanation of their relationship to each other.

(Enlarge to A3)

Appearance

Actions

How the character changes

Interactions

Name of character

Thoughts and motivation

settings

Words (a meaningful quote from the character)
The captain is a fool and the ship is full of idiots!
(Page 370)

I’m here to ask if we can come with you. If you can manage the weight of five extra men, we’d be in your debt. (Page 371)

The captain is an idiot. He refuses to complete our mission. He won’t even try! If one can free-balloon to France, surely the Ottoman Empire is possible. It’s simply a question of catching the right wind. (Page 371-2)

So Isabella opened the watch hoping to find a picture of one of her daughters inside but it was my mother. (Page 380)

So if the Germans killed your da, why is Austria helping them instead of giving the Kaiser a good kicking? Doesn’t your family know what really happened? (Page 378)

The Stormwalker has two powerful engines. Both in good working order. (Page 373)

I’m not used to talking animals, I’m afraid. It seems a bit ungodly, making them so much like human beings. (Page 382)

Don’t tell anyone who I am. It might complicate things. (Page 375)
**Cause and Effect (one is done for you)**

Prince Aleksandar is woken up and spirited off to safety in a Stormwalker after his parents are assassinated.

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The Prince is spirited away by his friends who fear that the murders are part of a conspiracy and that he will be assassinated next.

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Prince Aleksandar’s parents are assassinated

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Deryn wants to join the air service but they don’t accept girls.

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The Huxley panicked as a storm approached it with Deryn attached.

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Alek talked to the spare parts dealer in Lienz.

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The Leviathan landed in Regent’s Park
Create your own Leviathan inspired cartoon like this one.

From:
http://fc01.deviantart.net/fs70/i/2010/227/0/f/The_Perks_of_Being_a_Clanker_by_ComickerGirl.jpg
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**What part does the setting play in the story?**

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Images from the story

Images from the book by Keith Thompson

Downloaded from Scott Westerfeld’s web site. Draw your own steampunk images
“Stealing away.”
What is Steampunk?

"Steampunk is a style, of books, of clothes, of video games and movies, that draws its inspiration from old science fiction stories of Jules Verne, H.G. Wells, and Mary Shelley," she said, "set in a place and time where steam is the dominant form of high technology. It's a retro futurism."

“Steampunk,” is part of the “Alternative History” genre of science fiction and focuses on an alternate Victorian age in which steam-driven computers and coal-fired robots are found in gritty industrial cities. Though the term was coined in the 1980s as an offshoot of “Cyberpunk,” writing in this vein has appeared since the early 1900s, being inspired by the work, life and times of Jules Verne.

This is an example of a laptop that someone modified using the steampunk trademarks.

http://walyou.com/steampunk-guns-dazzling/

Leviathan trailer.avi  Scott Westerfeld Airship.avi
**Creative Writing Ideas**

**Remember**

- Make a time line of events from the story (make a timeline for the Assassination of Archduke Ferdinand.) [http://www.historyonthenet.com/WW1/assassination.htm](http://www.historyonthenet.com/WW1/assassination.htm)


- Write an acrostic poem (Leviathan or Clanker)

- Make an A to Z Chart of words from the story

- In your sketch pad and using a variety of art material draw what you regard as the pivotal episode from the story.

- Write a top 5 facts about the world of Leviathan for a notice board display

- Create your own graphic novel of an episode from the story as it is read as a serial. (At the completion of the serial you will have your own mini graphic novel)

- Prepare a thumbnail sketch of characters from Leviathan including both appearance and character. (Start with a simple web graphic organiser) Prove the character traits you’ve attributed to characters by citing events from the story. Check out Biography maker: [http://fno.org/bio/biomaker.htm](http://fno.org/bio/biomaker.htm)

- Children devise 5 quiz questions after reading a chapter of either story and test each other after the book is completed.

**Understand** (Paraphrasing, categorising, extrapolating)

- Retell an episode in the story in your own words.

- Create a for sale advertisement for the walker. (What can they be used for other than making war?)

- Draw a cartoon / comic of an important scene or event from the story.

- Ask children to determine what was the most important event or personal attribute that helped Alek to survive? Use a simple web graphic organiser to create a profile of him. Include a portrait of him in the style of the old royal portraits from the time.
• List and describe the jobs some of the ‘Beasties’ do on the Leviathan. (Draw the creatures.) Refer chapters 24-26.

**Apply** (Applying knowledge)

• Create your own collection of Clanker type artefacts.

• Create a story map for Leviathan including relevant information about events. (Use the map provided in the end papers to help)

• Create a ‘pop up’ book, diorama or mural for an episode of the book

• Create a missing persons poster or a wanted poster for Alek.

• Design a map of Deryn and Alek’s respective journeys with captions and images highlighting important events.

• Design a newspaper front story as if Deryn was relating her experiences to a journalist or an Austrian newspaper with a story about the assassination and disappearance of the prince.

• Make a board game about the story. (Play Diplomacy or Risk)

• Design a poster for the library to illustrate one of Scott Westerfeld’s books. (Find out about the author.)

• Create a model of one of the Clankers machine monsters.

• Create a PowerPoint project about: tanks, trench warfare, airships, thylacines the Hindenburg disaster, ironclad warships, Political assassination, World War One, Austria Hungary, Switzerland or Charles Darwin.

• Write a dos and don’ts chart for running in a walker (refer page 93-95).

**Analyse** (Distinguishing relevant from irrelevant, determining points of view and how elements fit and function within a structure)

• Write a commercial to sell the positives of Darwinist creations

• Create an ‘action graph’ for selected episodes from the story.

• Prepare a fact file or oral report on the true causes of World War One.

• Write a ‘How to’ guide for an activity demonstrated in the book such as running in a Walker or riding safely in a Huxley.
• Design a new front cover for the book
• Write 5 questions you would ask the author (Write to Scott Westerfeld)
• Create a list of the top 5 steampunk books students have read.

Scott Westerfeld has released Behemoth (the 2nd book in the trilogy and just finished writing the 3rd book Goliath.)

Evaluating (Checking and critiquing)

• How could certain situations be handled differently than in the story? (Alek makes a lot of mistakes. For example what if he hadn’t wanted to help the downed aircrew?)
• Write a critical review of the story on an alternative DVD cover with an illustration of what you believe is the most important episode from the story.
• Draw a pivotal episode from the story as a puzzle. Compare what other children considered an important event.

Create (generating, planning and producing)

• Create a new domestic ‘fab’ to help around the house. Plan a marketing campaign for it.
• Write an alternate ending for the story. Write an additional chapter
• Create a crossword for Leviathan using Puzzlemaker.
• Write a postcard as if you were Deryn to her brother telling about some of her adventures.
• Develop a book report about the story using a format of your own, which we can put on the school’s web site.
• Create your own ‘Leviathan’ PowerPoint presentation. Children will recall elements of the story (characters, problem, solution and events) on slides.

• Draw a comic depicting the scene in the field with the Austrian cavalryman (refer page 128-9)

• Write a newspaper report about the arrival of the Leviathan in London (page 66)

• Create your own Huxley type kite (refer page 296)

The PowerPoint should consist of 5 slides:

6) The title

7) Character slide (listing the important characters, facts about them and a picture)

8) The problem (Describe the major problems faced by the characters.) What is the main plot and 2 sub-plots.

9) Solution (Describe the solution to the problem)

10) Summary (A summary of the story)
MOST know the assassination of the Austro-Hungarian heir Archduke Franz Ferdinand at Sarajevo on June 28, 1914, was the switch turning on the new killing machines of World War I.

Yet the irony of this Serbian-supported terrorism, as the Austrians called it, was that while it unleashed one carnage consuming nine million lives it also ended another - final claimed count 272,511 - that the archduke wrought on the world’s animals, including Australia’s during a largely forgotten visit in 1893.

Duntroon college historian L.C.F. Turner wrote: "He was an unattractive personality, sullen, suspicious and addicted to blood sports." Australians recorded him saying, "Dis is de sport for me; dis is de sport my soul lofes."

Such ancient "sports" reached new heights in the last self-indulgent centuries of fading dominance by Europe’s rural-based aristocracy. As industry and city, inhabited by new classes, arose this elite, having first lost the right to make private war, then to duel, found the swords they carried denoting their social status increasingly outmoded.

Blood sport was one of the few socially exclusive pleasures left. Yet, with hereditary office also under increasing attack, urban masses used new representative powers to deny even that fun. The Enlightenment's self-love of "man" initially reinforced subordination of animals but, inspired by the anti-slavery movement, the tide changed with Britain's Animal Protection Act and a "society instituted for the purpose of preventing cruelty to animals".

Constrained by change, aristocrats looked to the "new world", with its abundant wildlife and frontier attitudes accepting of the slaughter of animals and even indigenes to advance agriculture and pastoralism, to continue their sport: hence the trip to Australia.

Cheered from a crowded Sudbahnhof on December 14 1892, the 29-year-old sailed on the cruiser Kaiserin Elisabeth from Trieste, ostensibly a scientific expedition but really sent by his emperor-uncle to see the world while recovering from tuberculosis and stuttering shyness.

This was Ferdinand's Big Adventure. The previous year he fired a record 12,000 shots with 6000 kills: many were deer, some even small birds, kept as trophies at his Bohemian castle.

Cruising through the Suez canal he reached India where despite 2000 men, 150 horses and 25 elephants it took six weeks of unceasing shooting to bag a tiger.

Sailing from Calcutta, his ship anchored at Sydney's Farm Cove on May 16 to cannon salutes and an official welcome. After lunch, the archduke, with kinsman and first lieutenant, Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, Grand Duke of Tuscany, landed at Man o'War steps, toured
the city in hansom cabs, recording: "We strolled in Hyde Park and around George Street 'til it was time for the table d'hote at the Hotel Australia."

There they joined "gentlemen, in the English fashion in tails, the ladies in evening dresses" whose pretty white faces were a relief after those of Asians, "not exactly attractive to our tastes". Dinner music was less refined, with "some artists who enticed horrible sounds from their instruments".

The rest of the tour plays like a Dimboola version of The Shooting Party, a film where insight disguised as whimsy portrays England's ruling class pheasant shooting a year before Sarajevo.

After identifying his prey at a museum, a train took the imperial party to the 68,000ha Narromine sheep station, 480km northwest of Sydney. He then mounted a four-in-hand sociable, followed by eight women on horseback and in buggies who bowed when he passed. Dressed in a brown Norfolk coat, light grey overcoat, long drab gaiters, bright red white-spotted tie and gold wrist bangle, he doffed his drab soft-felt hat to reveal fair hair parted in the middle and light blue-eyes.

Impressed by 100,000 sheep, 500 cattle and 500 horses grazing in the "immense bush", he showed greater concern for flora than fauna, lamenting land clearing by ringbarking as "very drastic means which to the eyes of a European accustomed to national forestry looks like vandalism".

Then the killing began. Onlookers admired him as a "magnificent shot", applauding as he felled five difficult targets - hopping kangaroos - then wallaby, emu, eagle, bush turkey, black swan, parrots, duck, pelican, ibis and crane. He was "absolutely delighted" except for the "English habit" of pausing for lunch.

At each kill, the unsmiling imperial party dismounted, doffed their hats and shook his hand.

When his shoelace untied, one bared his head and went to his knees to retie it. Another went on all fours to allow him to traverse a barbed wire fence. That night, while each kill was stuffed, photographed and catalogued, he entertained in his state rail car, with oysters, kangaroo-tail soup, stewed steak and mushrooms, turkey, ham, new potatoes and French beans. Desert was sago pudding, jelly Charlotte russe and fruit. This was washed down with hock, champagne, liqueurs and cognac as in return he offered men stag-hunting shoots and women cigars: "Will you not smoke? De ladies in Austria do smoke much, more and more."

He attended mass at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney and visited a large meat preserving works.

Over three days near Moss Vale southwest of Sydney he shot platypus with "greatest joy" and koala - disappointingly slow targets - by dawn and possum by moonlight, totalling 300 with wallaby, kangaroo, pademelon, hares, ducks and magpie in between, interrupted only by a "sumptuous" banquet for Queen Victoria's birthday.
Visits to the NSW Art Gallery, Randwick races, a circus, dealers in natural and ethnological specimens, shearing and boomerang-throwing displays, and a ship-board dance followed, before the archduke left for America via Japan, a disapproved morganatic marriage and a fatal date with Gavrilo Princip.

There was little mourning at court for the unpopular archduke in 1914. The emperor adjudged: "Horrible, but the Almighty does not allow Himself to be flouted with impunity." Yet, he was not the only Nero about to plunge the masses they disdained into terrible slaughter. Told of the Austrian ultimatum to Serbia on July 24, Russia's Tsar struggled to comprehend its significance: "This is disturbing."

Indeed. A maelstrom was about to sweep away much of the old order. One shooting party had been ended; a more terrible one - claiming 62,000 Australians - was about to begin.

CHARLES DARWIN (Interactive sites)

**Darwin: Who Wants to Live a Million Years?: Science Channel**

Learn about Darwin's theory of natural selection and see if you can create a species that will survive one million years.

**Charles Darwin : Charles Darwin Interactives : Science Channel**

Celebrate Charles Darwin and his accomplishments with maps, quizzes etc.

**Audio slideshow: The life and times of Charles Darwin | Science ...**

An interactive guide to the social and historic context of Darwin's discovery of evolution by natural selection.
Teachers' Domain: Charles Darwin

http://www.teachersdomain.org/resource/tdc02.sci.life.evo.dar/

Students learn about Charles Darwin -- his personal history, Short video to watch. Darwin's Letters: Collecting Evidence (Document)

Interactive - National Geographic Magazine

Darwin Legacy Quiz. Take our ten-question quiz on Charles Darwin and his extraordinary voyage on the H.M.S. Beagle.
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February 12th 2009 saw the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin. The gradual build-up to the bicentennial celebrations spawned a wealth of authoritative free resources online for navigation of all ages and levels of knowledge.

Charles Darwin's antilogic online

A landmark was the online publication in 2006 of Darwin's collected writings.

All his works can now be freely navigated and searched in 'text view' (standard) and facsimile 'image view' (showed) at the Darwin-online website.

Charles Darwin and Evolution

Darwin spent some time at Christ's College, Cambridge, as a rather wayward undergraduate student. His college has contributed a beautifully designed Charles Darwin and Evolution website to the bicentenary celebrations. The site provides a well-organized and clearly written introduction to some of the main themes of Darwin's work.

Hidden away in a page with links to other free online resources and anniversary initiatives for the public, such as videos and audios from the BBC, as well as a virtual tour of his

Trees of Life

Another online Darwin anniversary initiative is the Wellcome Trust interactive tree of life, with a brief introductory video by Jared Diamond. This 'tree' itself is restricted to the animal kingdom and isn't easy to navigate...

But if you have a fast Internet connection it can be fun to explore, and there are some wonderful images lurking there, ready to download...

However, you may prefer to explore the less hectic but beautifully presented Tree of Life web project – an evolving educational website with a variety of resources for children.

Another currently ongoing collaborative project to explore in the monumental Encyclopaedia of Life (EOL). This fact growing scholarly work first went live online in 2009 (see this link here).

MyReadingMapped™: Interactive Map of Charles Darwin's Explorations

The adventures of the likes of Charles Darwin as he traveled the world
Darwin - Big idea big exhibition

Follow Charles Darwin's voyage on the Beagle around the world

Charles Darwin's 200th Birthday - UEN

Learn more about some of Charles Darwin's most prophetic ideas with this interactive slide show. (Be careful, this site is from Utah)
Other sites

http://www.aboutdarwin.com/darwin/whowas.html
Darwinist Project

Who was Charles Darwin?

- Find about this famous scientist and create a fact file about him.
- Basic facts (birth, education, marriage status, death etc)
- Contribution to science (Find out facts about the voyage of the Beagle, What was his main discovery? What was the impact of his discoveries?)

Darwin’s great theory

The idea that living things had evolved was put forward in Darwin’s time, but no satisfactory mechanism by which this had occurred had been described. Darwin indicated the mechanism and provided an enormous body of evidence in its support.

Darwin explained that plants and animals change over time through a process of Natural Selection and that this occurs because:

1. Not all plants and animals in a population are alike.
2. More young are born than can hope to survive for long enough to reproduce.
3. Those plants and animals with features best suited to their environment (‘the fittest’) are more likely to survive and reproduce.
4. These survivors pass on their desirable features on to their offspring.
5. Gradually these features become more common and the population changes over time.
6. If the changes are great enough they could produce a completely new species of plant or animal altogether.

Note: Bacteria and viruses had not been identified in Darwin’s time, but his theory holds true for all organisms.

Reference
Charles Darwin is often called the "Father of Evolution," but there was much more to the man than just his scientific papers and literary works. Let's take a look at some interesting facts about the man behind the Theory of Evolution and Natural Selection.

1. Charles Darwin Married His Cousin

How did Charles Darwin meet his wife Emma Wedgwood? Well, he didn't have to look farther than his own family tree. Emma and Charles were first cousins. The couple was married for 43 years before Charles passed away. The Darwins had 10 children total, but two died in infancy and another passed away when she was 10 years old.

2. Charles Darwin Was an Abolitionist

Darwin was known to be an empathetic man toward animals, and this sentiment extended to humans as well. While traveling on the *HMS Beagle*, Darwin saw what he felt were injustices of slavery. His stops in South America were particularly startling for him, as he wrote in his accounts of the journey. It is believed that Darwin published *On the Origin of Species* partly to encourage the abolishment of slavery.

3. Charles Darwin Had Connections to Buddhism

Even though Charles Darwin was not a Buddhist himself, he and his wife Emma had an alleged fascination of and respect for the religion. Darwin wrote a book called *Expressions of the Emotions in Man and Animals* in which he explained that compassion in humans was a trait that survived natural selection because it is a beneficial trait to want to stop the
suffering of others. These types of assertions may have been influenced by Buddhism tenets that are similar to this line of thinking.

4. **Charles Darwin Influenced the Early History of Psychology**

The reason Darwin is the most celebrated of the contributors to the Theory of Evolution is because he was the first one to identify evolution as a process and offered an explanation and a mechanism for the changes that were occurring. When psychology was first breaking away from biology, the proponents of functionalism modeled their ideas after Darwin's way of thinking. This was in stark contrast to the existing structuralism line of thought, and brought about a new way of looking at early psychological ideas.

5. **Charles Darwin Was Born on the Same Day as Abraham Lincoln**

February 12, 1809, was a very significant day in history. Not only was Charles Darwin born that day, future President of the United States Abraham Lincoln was born, too. These great men had many similarities. Both had more than one child die at young ages. In addition, both were strongly against slavery, and successfully used their popularity and influence to help abolish the practice. Darwin and Lincoln both lost their mothers at a young age and reportedly suffered from depression. Perhaps most importantly, both men changed the world with their accomplishments and shaped the future with their works.

**Clanker Project**

**Who was Count Zeppelin?**

- Find about this famous inventor and create a fact file about him.
- Basic facts (birth, education, marriage status, death, career in the army etc)
- Contribution to transport (Find out facts about )

http://www.airships.net/count-ferdinand-von-zeppelin

http://www.ideafinder.com/history/inventors/zeppelin.htm

http://www.zeppelin-museum.de/ (in German)

http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/FWWzeppelinF.htm

http://www.britishpathe.com/
DID YOU KNOW?

- The Zeppelin Airships still fly today. The newest was built in 1997.
- In modern common usage, zeppelin, dirigible and airship are used interchangeably for any type of rigid airship, with the terms blimp or airship alone used to describe non-rigid airships.
- In modern technical usage, airship is the term used for all aircraft of this type with zeppelin referring only to aircraft of that manufacture and blimp referring only to non-rigid airships.
- Graf is a title, translated as Count, not a first or middle name. The female form is Gräfin. When "Graf" or its translation "Count" is used, it is correct to omit the "von." Thus, "Ferdinand von Zeppelin," but "Graf Zeppelin."

Early zeppelin
FOR SALE
GRADE A CYKLOP STORM WALKER

The Cyklops Storm Walker can be used for hunting animals but don’t expect to find the bodies also it can be used for dropping kids of at school (You won’t have trouble finding a parking spot) you might also enjoy using it as a ride for children and transporting goods.

PRICE: 150 000 KRONE
Dear Mother and Father

Send help STOP have been kidnapped by Master Klopp and Count Volger STOP I am hiding in Lienz Repair Shop STOP please hurry STOP

Photos of Erik’s board game and making a plastic model of the Hindenburg.
WANTED

PRINCE ALEKSANDAR HAPSBURG

Description: Reddish brown hair, pale white skin, thin dark eyebrows, skinny and talks like a clanker.

For: Crimes against the Emperor, trespassing, attempting murder and betraying the throne.

If found bring to the Emperor’s jail in Sarajevo at once.

REWARD: 100 000 KRONE
LEVIATHAN CROSS WORD

Across
1. Who is running away?
5. How old is Alek?
6. The Leviathan is based on what animal?
7. Who helps Alek pilot the walker?
8. What do they call the animals that run around carrying messages?

Down
2. What is the name of the book?
3. Who is his fencing teacher?
4. Who has to pretend to shave?
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Acrostic Poem

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Austrian
Noisy
Klopp
Ernest
Righteous
| When the Germans attack the Leviathan in the planes. | When Alek kills the soldier on the horse with his sabre. | When Alek escapes from the palace. | When Dylan holds a knife to Prince Alek’s throat. | When the German soldiers shot the anti walker gun at the |