Summary:
During the late 1800’s, a series of ship sinkings strikes panic on the high seas. A ship sent to investigate encounters the Nautilus, an advanced submarine commanded by Captain Nemo.

* Based on the novel by Jules Verne

Cast:
Kirk Douglas: Ned Land
James Mason: Captain Nemo
Paul Lukas: Professor Pierre Aronnax
Peter Lorre: Conseil

Details:
Released: 1954
Director: Richard Fleischer
Producer: Walt Disney
When was the book that the movie was based on written?
Why were the ships not sailing at the beginning of the movie?
What is the “monster”?
Against what surface vessels did Captain Nemo deploy the Nautilus? Why?
What does the U.S. government invite Professor Aronnax to do?
Professor Aronnax is a professor of what?
Why did Nemo explain himself to Professor Aronnax?
Professor Aronnax mentions that people would be surprised by what maybe found at ocean depths. Is it possible for sea monsters to exist in ocean depths?
Who is Captain Nemo?
What does Nemo “find out” when he leaves the three men on the deck of the Nautilus?
Nemo comments that Professor Aronnax had taken his work as far as terrestrial science would allow. Does the study of marine science require the scientist to enter the marine environment?
List Nemo’s accomplishments?
Where does all of the food come from? Why?
Is it theoretically possible to harvest food only from the ocean and still sustain human life?
What modern issues involving commercial fishing are portrayed, and how is the subject approached?
What is the Nautilus? What is it’s purpose?
What powered the Nautilus?
What equipment does Nemo’s crew use that is still utilized in the current-day?
Is it ethical to believe knowledge and progress are more important than human life?
How did Nemo relate to other people?
Why did Nemo dislike Ned Land?
Why does Nemo have a change of heart when Ned rescues him from the giant squid?
What was Nemo’s relationship to the natural world?
What modern issue is reflected in Nemo’s attitude toward the “outside world”?
Why did Nemo destroy the Nautilus and everything in it, rather than leave it intact?
Nemo destroyed his work, because he did not believe the world was ready for his discoveries. How do we know when the world is ready for new technology?
Was Nemo a mad scientist?

If so, how did he differ from the other mad scientists that have been discussed at previous movie nights?
Was Nemo a villain?
Questions

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