Answers for February Reading Packet

2. Atmosphere means air in a certain place.
5. He trapped the microbes at the bottom of the S-shaped flask.
8. The author wanted to show how science advances by guesswork and demonstration (proofs). The author wanted to narrate a story about a famous experiment. A. The structure of the passage is a story or narrative.

9a. Two men were friends because of their opposite temperaments. 9b. The author develops this idea by explaining the differences between the two men.
10. A bark is a small boat. To tie it up means to stop traveling.
11. Dick Kennedy is outraged that his friend is taking such a dangerous journey.
13. The dialogue is humorous because Dick Kennedy is normally calm. His anger contrasts with Ferguson’s cheerful calm.
14. The theme (found in para 2)
15. Ferguson wants to leave home; Odysseus wants to return to his home.
17. The structure is idea – example.
18. *Unprecedented* means without a model to follow; *eradicate* means to pull up by the roots or wipe out. These terms suggest a scholarly tone.
20. Animals should not be experimented on because there are other ways of conducting experiments.
21. The connection between the two is gene transfer.
23. The author wanted to ...
40. The problem is illustrated by describing the inconvenience of having to use many different currencies.
41. Empires and keystones are like the old national currencies in Europe before the euro.
42. The meaning of *impeding* is suggested by “overcoming conflicting systems” and “progress.” It means something like “getting in the way;” *ped* means foot (pedestrian).