

ALICE IN WONDERLAND, by Lewis Carroll

Lesson 1

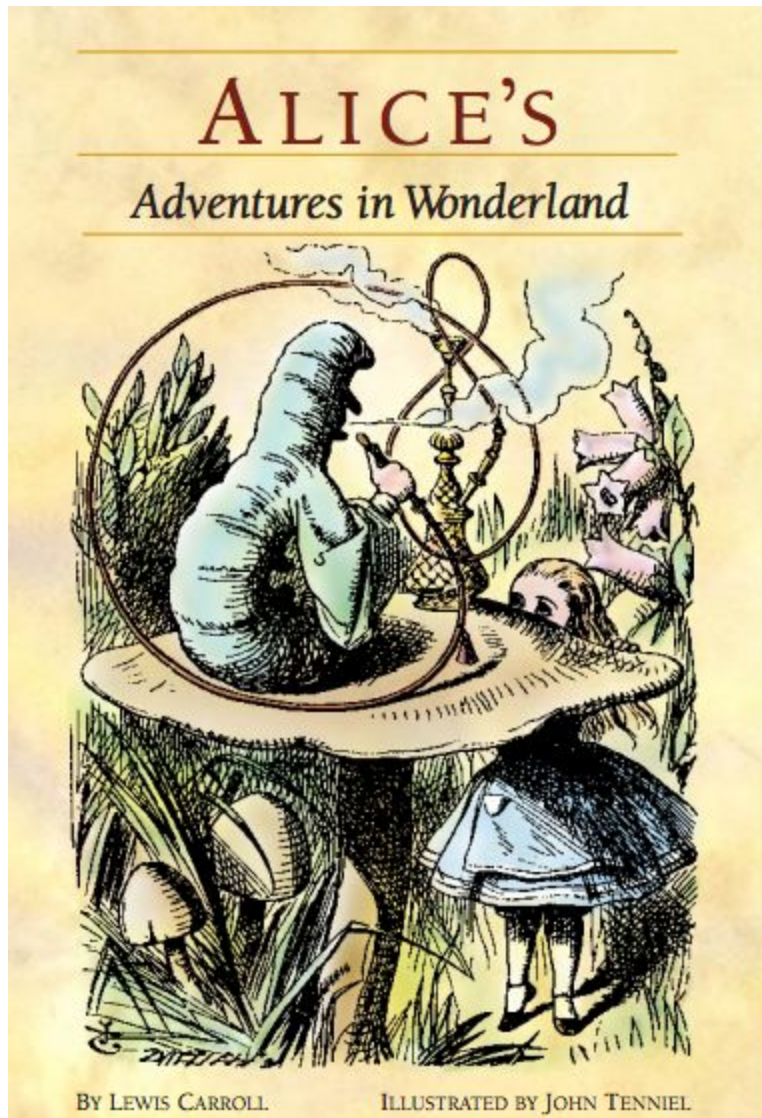
Before reading...

Look at the front cover.

- What do you think the book will be about?
- What things can you see on the front cover?
- What sort of story will it be?
- Who might enjoy it?

Now read the blurb...

- Were any of your predictions correct?



1. Down the Rabbit-Hole

Vocabulary

- What is a daisy chain?
- Define 'remarkable'.
- What is a curtsey?
- What does 'alas' mean?

Infer

- Why was Alice growing tired?
- Why is the rabbit flustered?
- Find one piece of evidence that Alice is sensible and one piece of evidence that she is not.
- What does Alice mean when she says she will think nothing of tumbling down the stairs after this?
- Do you think it's a magic table? Why?
- Why doesn't Alice drink the potion initially? Why does she change her mind?

Predict

- Predict what will happen after Alice has finished eating the cake.

Explain

- Do you think it was a good idea to follow the rabbit? Why?

Retrieve

- What does Alice like her books to have in them?
- What does the rabbit look like?
- What does the rabbit take out of its waistcoat?
- What did Alice land on?
- What was on the table?
- What was through the door?
- What happens when Alice drinks the potion? Why can't she get the key any more?

Summarise

- Describe Alice in one word.

2. The Pool of Tears

Vocabulary

- What does it mean to open out like a telescope?
- What is 'the carrier'?
- Define 'hastily'.
- What does 'queer' mean?
- Define 'inquisitively'.

Infer

- Why does Alice say goodbye to her feet?
- Why does Alice tell herself off?
- What surprises Alice about the glove fitting her?
- Why does the mouse become scared?
- Why does the mouse not like Alice yet?

Predict

- Predict what the mouse will tell Alice.

Explain

- How do the pictures contribute to meaning here?

Retrieve

- How tall does Alice grow?
- Who is the rabbit keeping waiting?
- What does the rabbit drop?
- Which child does Alice believe she's turned into?
- How does Alice shrink again?
- What does Alice find herself in a pool of?
- What other animals are in the pool?

Summarise

- Describe the mouse in one word.

3. A Caucus-race and a Long Tale

Vocabulary

- Define 'assembled'.
- What is a consultation?
- Define 'melancholy'.

Infer

- Why is Alice anxious to get dry?
- Why does Alice want to laugh?
- Why does Alice get confused about the mouse's story when he says that it's long?
- Why do all the animals leave Alice?

Predict

- Predict where the footprints are coming from.

Explain

- How does Carroll create humour in this chapter?

Retrieve

- What does the dodo suggest to get them dry?
- Who won the race?
- What prize does Alice give to everyone?
- Why does Alice wish Dinah was there?

Summarise

- Summarise how Alice would feel in one word.

4. The Rabbit Sends in a Little Bill

Vocabulary

- Define 'good-naturedly'.
- Define 'feeble'. Why is the voice feeble?
- What is 'coaxing'?
- What is a hookah?

Infer

- Why does the rabbit call her Mary Ann?
- Alice 'almost wishes' she hadn't gone down the rabbit hole.
- What does this tell us?
- Why does Alice eat the cakes?
- Why does Alice run away?
- Why is Alice scared of the puppy?

Predict

- Predict how the caterpillar will react to Alice.

Explain

- Why do you think Alice drank the bottle?
- Draw the caterpillar from the description.

Retrieve

- What will happen if the rabbit doesn't find his belongings?
- Where was the bottle Alice saw?
- What happened when Alice drank the potion?
- Why can't the rabbit get into his house?
- Who is Bill?
- What is on top of the mushroom?

Summarise

- Summarise Alice's time in the White Rabbit's house in one word.
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HOMEWORK:

Imagine you are **Alice**. Write a **diary entry** from the **day you met the White Rabbit**.

OR

How does Lewis Carroll **excite the reader** in the **opening** of the book?