

College Preparation – Senior Year Summer Reading Assignment

Required Reading: Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
 Through the Looking Glass by Lewis Carroll

Important Information – Read First

- ✓ Be prepared to discuss the books in their entirety on the first day of class. Do not be surprised if you have a Quiz the first day of class.
- ✓ Answer both questions below in essay format. The questions given are more like Short Responses. While the questions below are shorter in length, I still expect a persuasive and well developed argument.
- ✓ The responses will count as an essay grade – approximately the percentage weight of a major Test. It is very important that you do the assignment and have it ready for the first day of class since it is a significant part of your 1st quarter grade.
- ✓ **You will also write a longer essay but only after we’ve discussed the book in class. Don’t worry – we’ll have plenty of time to discuss and analyze the book before you’ll be expected to write a longer, in-depth essay.**
- ✓ **ESSAYS MUST BE TYPED. I WILL NOT ACCEPT ANYTHING HANDWRITTEN**

Question #1

Both novels are full of poetry – examples include “How doth the little Crocodile” “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Bat” “The Walrus and the Carpenter” and probably the most famous “Jabberwocky”.

Several of the poems would be considered Nonsense Poetry. It is the poetic form of literary nonsense, normally composed for humorous effect, which is intentionally and overtly paradoxical, silly, witty, whimsical or otherwise strange.

Write a short response discussing when, how and why Carroll uses poetry. Be sure to discuss at least ONE specific poem that justifies your opinion.

Response should be approximately 2 pages in length, typed, Times New Roman size 12 Font, double spaced. All quotes should follow MLA standard.

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Question #2

If the Caterpillar from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* were to give advice to Tweedledee and Tweedledum from *Through the Looking-Glass* on how to solve their differences without having "a bit of a fight," what might the Caterpillar advise? Be sure to explain your answer.

Response should be at least 1 page in length, typed, Times New Roman size 12 Font, double spaced. All quotes should follow MLA standard.