



## Study Guide

# Alice in Wonderland: The Musical

*A Journey into Imagination and Self-Discovery*

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Alice in Wonderland The Musical presented by Enrichment Through the Arts.

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## Synopsis

In this whimsical musical adaptation of Lewis Carroll's classic tale, curious young Alice tumbles down a rabbit hole after chasing the mysterious White Rabbit. She finds herself in the topsy-turvy world of Wonderland, where nothing is quite as it seems. Along the way, she meets a colorful cast of characters—from the ever-grinning Cheshire Cat to the eccentric Mad Hatter, the temperamental Queen of Hearts, and the philosophical Caterpillar.

Through puzzling riddles, zany encounters, and unforgettable musical numbers, Alice learns the power of curiosity, courage, and thinking for herself.

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## Characters

- **Alice** – A curious and adventurous young girl who learns to trust her own perspective.
  - **White Rabbit** – Always in a hurry, leading Alice into Wonderland.
  - **Cheshire Cat** – A mysterious figure who offers cryptic but meaningful advice.
  - **Mad Hatter** – The quirky host of a never-ending tea party.
  - **March Hare** – The Mad Hatter's equally eccentric tea party companion.
  - **Dormouse** – A perpetually sleepy tea party guest.
  - **Queen of Hearts** – The hot-tempered ruler of Wonderland.
  - **Caterpillar** – A wise, slow-speaking creature who challenges Alice to think deeply.
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## Themes

- **Curiosity** – Asking questions and seeking answers can lead to exciting discoveries.
  - **Imagination** – Creativity shapes how we see the world.
  - **Self-Discovery** – Understanding who you are and embracing your uniqueness.
  - **Challenging Rules** – Thinking for yourself even when the world feels upside-down.
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## Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think Alice follows the White Rabbit?
  2. What does the Cheshire Cat mean when he says, “We’re all mad here”?
  3. How do the strange rules of Wonderland challenge Alice’s thinking?
  4. Which Wonderland character do you relate to the most, and why?
  5. What do you think Alice learns by the end of her adventure?
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## **Activities**

### **1. Character Map**

Draw a map of Wonderland showing where Alice meets each character. Add notes about what she learns from them.

## **2. Wordplay Wonderland**

Lewis Carroll loved puns and riddles—make up your own silly riddle or nonsense poem inspired by Wonderland.

## **3. Create a Tea Party Menu**

Design an imaginative menu for the Mad Hatter's tea party. Include unusual names and magical ingredients.

#### **4. Costume Design Challenge**

Sketch your own version of a Wonderland character's costume, using bright colors and whimsical patterns.

## 5. “What Would You Do?” Game

Pick one of Alice’s encounters (meeting the Queen of Hearts, talking to the Cheshire Cat, etc.) and explain how you would handle it.

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### Vocabulary

**Whimsical** – Playful and fanciful, especially in an appealing way.

**Curiosity** – A strong desire to know or learn something.

**Perspective** – A particular way of looking at something.

**Nonsense** – Words or ideas that are silly or have no meaning.

**Imagination** – The ability to create ideas and pictures in your mind.

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## Post-Performance Reflection

- What was your favorite scene or song, and why?
- Did the musical make you think about curiosity differently?
- How did costumes, sets, and music make Wonderland come alive?
- If you could visit Wonderland, where would you go first?

## Word Scramble

Unscramble these Wonderland words:

1. TTEAH RDAH (\_\_\_\_\_)
2. EEUNQ FO STHERA (\_\_\_\_\_)
3. EHRMA CARCH (\_\_\_\_\_)
4. CIRALUOS (\_\_\_\_\_)
5. ESCHIERH TCA (\_\_\_\_\_)

## **Design a Wonderland Costume**

Imagine you are designing a costume for a Wonderland character.  
Draw your design in the space below.

# Reflection Questions

After watching Alice in Wonderland, answer:

1. What was your favorite scene and why?

2. Which character taught Alice the most important lesson?

3. If you could add a new character to Wonderland, who would it be?