

1. A Famous Storyteller

On August 2nd, 1895, Charles Dodgson (aka Lewis Carroll) published *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. This week's worksheet tells the story of the life of Dodgson in a split reading but doesn't mention his writing name or the name of his books. Worksheet 2's task is to answer the questions which will spell his 'nom de plume'. There are two pages to print. Click here to get your copies.

<http://www.insideout.net/warehouse/worksheets/July/IO008S-alice.pdf>

Level: Upper Intermediate and upwards

How to use the lesson:

1. Tell the class you are going to give them a story about a famous man, but that the story is in three parts. Each student in the class will have one third of the story to read.
2. Divide the class into groups of three and give each group a copy of Worksheet A divided into three parts, A, B and C.
3. Tell the students they have five minutes to read their part of the story, after which time they are going to answer some questions about it. make it clear that you are going to take their pieces of paper away from them after the five minutes.
4. After five minutes, collect the pieces of paper and give each group one copy of Worksheet B. Tell them they have to work together to answer the questions in 1. (If they have already guessed the name of the author they can write his name in the bold boxes, which will help them when answering the questions.) Tell them the answers to 2 are in the text, but the answer to 3 is not mentioned.
5. Ask students to answer all the questions they can without any reference, and then give them Worksheet A again for them to check the questions they couldn't answer.
6. Check answers in open class.

Answers

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1. eleven 2. deaf 3. Ludwidge 4. Liddell 5. stammer 6. deacon 7. mathematics
8. Rugby 9. Christ Church 10. rector 11. scholarship 12. Alice

2.

1832 He was born

1843 The family moved to Yorkshire

1854 He graduated from Christ Church

1862 He told the story that would become famous on a rowing trip

1881 He retired from his job as a lecturer in mathematics at Christ Church

1898 He died

1932 His centenary year. By this time his books were world-famous.

3. The first book was called *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (1865). The sequel was called *Through the Looking-Glass and What Alice Found There* (1871).

Dodgson wrote other stories under the name of Lewis Carroll, but these two remain the most famous, closely followed by his nonsense poem *The Hunting of the Snark* (1876). He wrote books about logic and mathematics under the name of Charles L. Dodgson, although none were regarded as important pieces of work.

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these web sites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.lewiscarroll.org/photo.html>

Charles Dodgson was also a gifted photographer. See Alice and others.

<http://www.ruthannzaroff.com/wonderland>

Enjoy a bit of interactive fun with Alice and friends.

<http://www.typographica.com/alice/>

The complete story with original illustrations.