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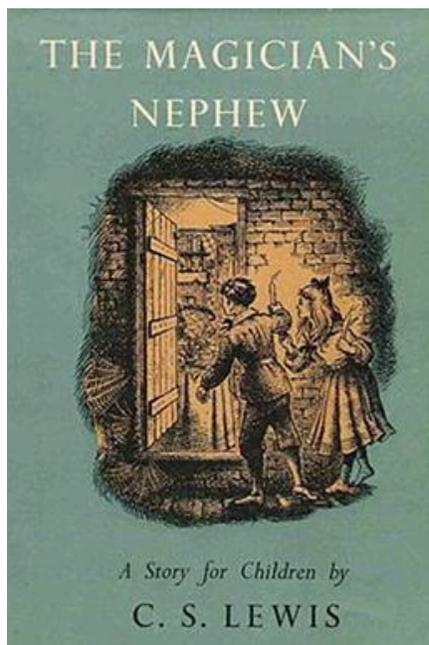
6th Grade English

Summer Assignment

Academic Year - 2022-2023

The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis

On Reading Good Books. . . Reading good books not only feeds the imagination and forms the intellect, it engages the reader in a conversation with the best and brightest creative thought of the centuries. Classic works close the gap between generations, enrich our knowledge of foreign lands, and teach us of fundamental human experiences in a way that history books never can. Children raised up on nursery rhymes, beautiful children's poetry, fairy tales, and folk songs - those simple, charming stories that nurture the imaginative soil and root the young mind in good culture - desire to continue in the grand adventure of life by reading good books. Here we follow various heroes and are inspired by the way they strive and overcome, are compassionate to their suffering, happy in their happiness, humbled by their shortcomings, and invested in their ultimate success. The classic good books are inspiring, and beautiful language teaches us how to speak and write and tell a story, even without explicit instruction.



During the summer months, 6th grade students are to read *The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis, one of many books in the Chronicles of Narnia series. In this story, we are given the background history to the world of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, learning how Narnia and the lamppost came to be and the roots of the conflict between the White Witch and Aslan, all through the exciting tale of Polly and Digory, two children in London who happen upon magical adventure in a mysterious uncle's secret attic office.



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On notebook paper, students should be able to answer the following questions. Each answer should be 3 - 8 complete sentences long. Some questions will require longer answers than others. Write out the question before answering the question.

- How do the magic rings work?
- What is the “wood” between the worlds?
- Who is Jadis and what does she want?
- Why do Polly and Digory enter the pool that leads to Narnia?
- What happens when Jadis follows the children back to London?
- What are Aslan's main qualities?
- How is the beginning of Narnia like the beginning of our world?

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