

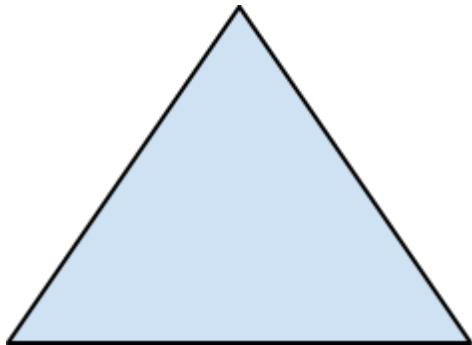
Alice in Wonderland
Ch. 8, "The Queen's Croquet-Ground"

Directions: After reading ch. 8, answer the following questions in your English notebooks, under unit 3.

1. The garden is a central symbol in the story, and Alice has been trying to get to it since Ch.1. Now that she is finally there, it does not match her expectations. How is the garden in Wonderland different than the garden that Alice imagined earlier? How is it different than the garden you imagined?

2. We've been discussing how everything in Wonderland is inverted. When Alice was in the Rabbit's house earlier, it seemed as though the animals were in charge and told the humans what to do. This was an inversion of the "real world" in which humans are in charge of animals. But when Alice goes into the garden, inanimate objects (cards) are in charge and the animals are at the bottom. This is another inversion. How does Alice respond to the "power" of the cards? Is she afraid of them, or does she stand up for herself? What does this show you about Alice's character? What character trait is she starting to exhibit?

3. Draw a triangle like this in your notebooks. Label it "Hierarchy in Wonderland." Where would you place the queen on this triangle? Where would you place Alice? Where would you place the animals and the "deck of cards?"



4. Alice is still trying to figure out the point of Wonderland. What do you think is the point of Wonderland? Why does Alice not want to leave yet? Is there a lesson to be learned?

5. Pick a symbol, theme or character from this chapter and discuss what you think it means. Use a quote from story to support your answer.