

Seventh Grade Summer Reading Assignment

The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis

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The Magician's Nephew is the first book in the *Chronicles of Narnia* series and tells the story of how Narnia came to be. It describes the origin of Narnia by telling the adventures of Digory and Polly. There are many beautiful life lessons they learn along the way as they make mistakes, meet Aslan, and find themselves more courageous than they ever thought possible.

ON-LEVEL STUDENTS

All on-level students are required to carefully read *The Magician's Nephew*. If there are words or phrases that you don't know, look up their definitions to help you understand what you're reading.

**The first writing assignment of the school year will be a character analysis on one of the following characters: Digory, Polly, Uncle Andrew, or Queen Jadis. You will be able to choose your character when the time comes. As you read the book, you may want to take notes on these characters. Write down important things about them including physical appearance, personality traits, important actions they did, what kind of person they are, etc.*

PRE-AP STUDENTS

All pre-AP students are required to read and answer questions for each chapter of *The Magician's Nephew*. If there are words that you don't know, look up their definitions to help you understand what you're reading. Answers may be written or typed and are due on the first day of school.

- All answers should be written in complete sentences.
- Questions do NOT need to be rewritten. Just write the question number and then the answer.
- All pages should be stapled together before turning in.
- Names should be written on the first page of the work.
- **Handwritten answers** should be written on lined notebook paper and must be neat and easily readable.
- **Typed answers** should be 12-point, Times New Roman font and must be double spaced. Typed work should be printed out to be turned in.

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CHAPTER QUESTIONS FOR PRE-AP

Chapter 1

- 1.1 Why did Digory come to live in London?
- 1.2 What is your first impression of Uncle Andrew?

Chapter 2

- 2.1 How did Uncle Andrew manipulate Digory into taking the rings?

Chapter 3

- 3.1 Describe the place that the rings took Polly and Digory.

Chapter 4

- 4.1 When the choice was made about whether or not to ring the bell, whose side were you on?
- 4.2 Why?

Chapter 5

- 5.1 Why did the children want to leave the witch in the wood between the worlds?

Chapter 6

- 6.1 What were two unexpected events that happened in Chapter 6?

Chapters 7-9

In 6-8 sentences, write a summary of the events of Chapters 7-9.

Chapters 10-11

- 10.1 What did the animals decide Uncle Andrew was, and what did they do to him?
 - 10.2 What did Digory ask Aslan for, and what did he do to make Aslan unhappy?
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Chapters 12-14

- 12.1 Describe the quest that Aslan gave to Digory.
- 12.2 Why does Aslan want the children to bury the rings?
- 12.3 What happened to the apple tree that grew in Digory's yard and what did Digory do with it?

Chapter 15

- 15.1 What could be one lesson that C.S. Lewis was trying to teach the reader through this book?

