

# “Utzel and His Daughter Poverty”

by Isaac Bashevis Singer

Use with pp. 29-31 of *Authors in Depth*.

## Check Your Comprehension

1. Find at least two words that Singer uses to describe Utzel.
2. What is Utzel’s dream for his daughter, Poverty?
3. Why does Utzel decide to ask for a loan from the charitable society?
4. What happens when the shoemaker brings the new shoes to Utzel’s house?
5. When do Utzel’s and Poverty’s lives begin to improve?



## Critical Thinking

1. Why is Utzel so poor?
2. Does Utzel love his daughter? How can you tell?
3. Why do you think the young men in the village show no interest in Poverty at the beginning of the story?
4. At the end of the story, what has changed in Poverty, besides her appearance, that makes her more attractive to others?
5. What advice does the shoemaker give to Utzel? Do you think this is good advice?
6. What is the meaning of the motto that Utzel hangs on his wall? Do you think it is wise? Why?

## Short Answer Response

Question: How has Utzel changed by the end of the story?





# From *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*

---

Use with pp. 174-182 of *Authors in Depth*.

## Check Your Comprehension

1. What is Alice doing when she first sees the Rabbit?
2. Name three things about the Rabbit that are unusual.
3. Describe what happens as Alice falls down the rabbit-hole.
4. What happens to Alice after she drinks the contents of the bottle labeled “DRINK ME” and eats the cake labeled “EAT ME”?
5. Describe the sequence of events from the time Alice fans herself with the Rabbit’s fan until she swims to the shore.

## Critical Thinking

### Interpret

1. Based on Alice’s words and actions, how would you describe her personality?
2. In chapter 2, Alice cries a pool of tears. Name two reasons that she is so sad.

3. Why do you think Alice talks so much about her cat and about the dog near her house?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Lewis Carroll wrote this story to entertain his young friend. Do you think a child would find this story entertaining? Explain your answer.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Name one way in which this book is similar to other children's books you remember reading. Name one way in which it is different.

