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Worksheet 1

The Jabberwocky

Directions:

Look at the words that Lewis Carroll has used in the first verse of *Jabberwocky*.

1. In your mind "see" the place where the boy's father is giving him advice before he begins his quest. What would be a likely setting for such a dangerous undertaking? Jot down a few ideas. _____



2. Think about the '*slithy toves*'. What might they be? Think how they move. What words do *gyre* and *gimble* suggest? Brainstorm a few ideas about these beings. _____

3. Another group of creatures are the *borogoves* who are *all mimsy*. Consider whether they are dangerous or friendly. What do their names and actions suggest? _____



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4. The last creatures mentioned in this verse are the ***mome raths*** who ***outgrabe***. Perhaps *mome* is describing the appearance or the personality of the *raths*. Does ***outgrabe*** sound like a friendly or unfriendly behaviour? Jot down your feelings about the creatures.

5. Select some of your ideas and create the scene as the hero takes leave of his father before setting off on his quest to slay the Jabberwocky.

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