

Poem Knowledge Organiser – Jabberwocky

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Did gyre and gimble in the wabe:
All mimsy were the borogoves,
And the mome raths outgrabe.

"Beware the Jabberwock, my son
The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!
Beware the Jubjub bird, and shun
The frumious Bandersnatch!"

He took his vorpal sword in hand:
Long time the manxome foe he sought—
So rested he by the Tumtum tree,
And stood awhile in thought.

And, as in uffish thought he stood,
The Jabberwock, with eyes of flame,
Came whiffling through the tulgey wood,
And burbled as it came!

One, two! One, two! And through and
through
The vorpal blade went snicker-snack!
He left it dead, and with its head
He went galumphing back.

"And hast thou slain the Jabberwock?
Come to my arms, my beamish boy!
O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!"
He chortled in his joy.

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Important Information

It was included in his 1871 novel *Through the Looking-Glass, and What Alice Found There*, the sequel to *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. The book tells of Alice's adventures within the back-to-front world of Looking-Glass Land

Many of the words are nonsense and open to interpretation. The poem has many versions which have been transformed into standard English.

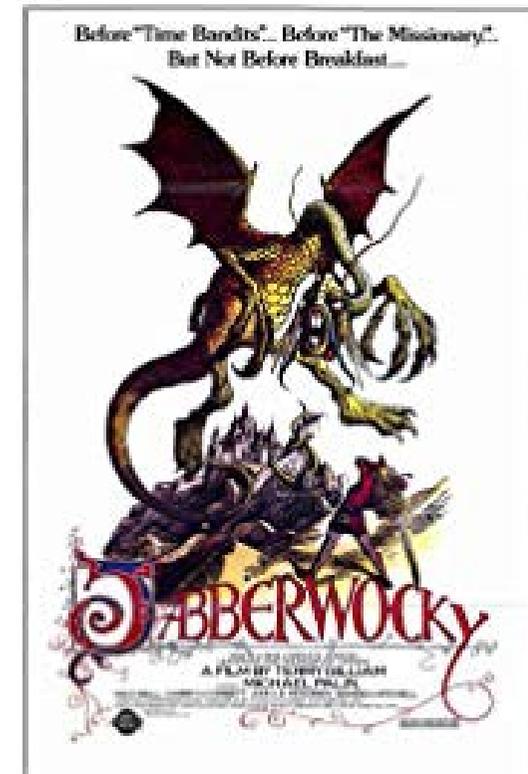
Key Vocabulary

mimsy	Rather feeble and prim or affected.
chortled	Laugh in a noisy, gleeful way.
gyre	Whirl.
burbled	Make a continuous murmuring noise.

Set yourself a target! By the end of this topic, what do you want to achieve?

Have you achieved this? (Y/N)

Name of poem: Jabberwocky
Author: Lewis Carroll
Genre: Nonsense poem



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