

“Everybody can be Alice”

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Alice in Wonderland is a book written by Lewis Carroll, in 1865. The story of Alice was so popular that it has become the subject of many movies and tv shows and, thanks to these, is now known all over the world.

The most known movies based on the novel are: “*Walt Disney’s Alice in Wonderland*” (1951) and “*Tim Burton’s Alice in Wonderland*” (2010).

The story is quite simple and, has remained the same in the remakes and film versions. It starts with a young girl, Alice, who sees an unusual rabbit running past her; she is amazed by this rabbit because he is wearing a jacket and a pocket watch. She is very curious and decides to follow him but, while doing so, she falls in a hole (the “*Rabbit Hole*”), which leads her to a magical world, filled with unusual creatures and strange nature. She goes through a lot of situations and has to face many problems. At times, she is very scared and complains that she wants to go back home. Even though she is just a child, she puts herself together and faces all the final challenges that await her. At the end of the novel, she returns home, stronger than before, more confident in herself and mature.

This book represents a perfect example of a “journey”, an actual journey and a physical and psychological one as well. In the story Alice starts it as a child and finishes it as an adolescent. Her adventure can be summed up with three keywords: *curiosity*, *identity* and *growth*, all representing an important step of her experience in this new world. If it had not been for her curiosity, she would not have fallen in the Rabbit Hole and entered this world, full of difficult challenges and all by herself.

She often feels lonely and frightened, which leads her to think that she is not capable of facing this world and go back home. She does not know what to do and feels unsure of herself. Lastly, even though she is a child, she stands up for herself, finds the strength she has within herself and is confident enough to face the problems of that magical world and finally goes back home, stronger than before.

This story is not just about Alice, but it is about anybody that is taking a journey. The journey Alice goes on is a metaphor, because it symbolizes her growth and her maturity, but everybody can be Alice. If we allow ourselves to be curious enough we will face new experiences and start our journey. We need to acknowledge the fact that we all make mistakes and that we have ups and downs, because that is normal; and, if we are brave, confident and audacious, we will grow and change. *Everybody can be Alice* and have their own kind of journey, thanks to just three keywords: *curiosity*, *identity* and *growth*.