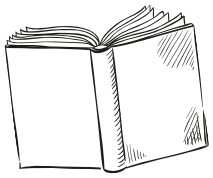
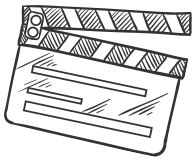
IS THE BOOK BETTER THAN THE MOVIE?





Lewis Carroll's fantastical Wonderland has inspired an incredible number of movie and TV adaptations. An adaptation is when you take a story originally created in one form (like a book) and retell it in a new form (like a movie or play). Almost as soon as the moving picture camera was created, directors started making film versions. The first adaptation was made in 1903, starring May Clark. Since then, there have been dozens of versions created. Some try to keep the story fairly close to the book while others use it more as inspiration.All of these adaptations are someone's interpretation of the book. Sometimes they add things, sometimes they take things away, and sometimes they put things together. Many versions combined *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* with the second book, *Through the Looking Glass*.

As you read the book how do you imagine it? Pick a Wonderland inspired movie and see how it compares to your imagination. How does their Alice compare to the one you read about? What characters are important? What scenes do they highlight? What scenes do they leave out? Have some fun and see how many differences you can find. If you were going to make your own movie, what characters would you include?

After doing this, the next time someone asks you if the book or movie is better - you will know for sure!

A FEW MOVIES YOU COULD COMPARE:

Disney's *Alice in Wonderland*

Tim Burton's Alice In Wonderland

Early adaptation silent films (all available on YouTube):

- *Alice in Wonderland (1903 - Cecil Hepworth and Percy Stow, UK)*
- *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (1910 - Edwin Stanton Porter)*
- *Alice In Wonderland (1915 - W.W. Young)*

FOR A MORE COMPLETE LIST:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Films_and_television_programmes_based_on_Alice_in_Wonderland

WRITE DOWN SOME OF YOUR OBSERVATIONS: