

*The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis  
**Preface Worksheet**

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**Vocabulary** Define the following words with only 1-2 words

1. preface \_\_\_\_\_
2. excessive \_\_\_\_\_
3. materialist \_\_\_\_\_
4. ill-disposed \_\_\_\_\_
5. chronology \_\_\_\_\_
6. composed \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra Credit Vocabulary**

rationing, diabolical, terrestrial

**Bonus Vocabulary**

impinge

**Comprehension Questions** Answer the questions briefly (full sentences are unnecessary)

1. What are the two (2) errors humans fall into with respect to their thinking about the devil?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What does C. S. Lewis mean when he says, “Readers are advised to remember that the devil is a liar. Not everything that Screwtape says should be assumed to be true even from his own angle”?

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3. What Scripture verse(s) support the claim in question #2?

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4. What does C. S. Lewis mean by, “There is wishful thinking in Hell as well as on earth”?

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5. What European War is referred to in the Preface? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What country, primarily, does this story take place in? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Even though the Preface was written at Magdalen College on 5 July 1941, can we still learn from it?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes      \_\_\_\_\_ no      \_\_\_\_\_ maybe      \_\_\_\_\_ haven't the foggiest

Why?

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8. What time era does the story take place in? \_\_\_\_\_

(Hint: Ancient Civilization, Middle Ages, Colonial Times, Victorian Era, etc.)

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Before going further, it may be helpful to review the *Seven Deadly Sins* — Unrighteous Anger, Greed, Envy, Sloth, Gluttony, Pride, Lust.

Statement: Our Triune Sovereign King is altogether omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. No one .... spirit or human ... is more powerful than He. The devil and his cohorts are fallen angels. The devil is the opposite of the archangel, Michael. Lucifer is a created being.

This story is an *allegory*. An *allegory* tells truths or generalizations about human conduct and/or experience (e.g., *Pilgrim's Progress*)