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Reading—*The Phantom Tollbooth* worksheet

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1. One definition of *allegory* is “a symbolical narrative” (dictionary.com). *The Phantom Tollbooth* has a lot of symbols in it like the Doldrums, which are a real place in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, but in the story they were a place you get to when you are not thinking.
2. The Official Which is Faintly Macabre. She has been in the dungeon for a very long time because she said “Silence is golden,” which closed down the word market (66-69).
3. Six idioms used for comic effect in the Royal Banquet are:
Time flies (82)
Make mountains out of molehills (85)
Hangs by a thread (85)

A light meal (86)

Out of the frying pan into the fire (89)

A half-baked idea (91)

4. The Lords of Synonym are the Duke of Definition, the Minister of Meaning, the Earl of Essence, the Count of Connotation, and the Undersecretary of Understanding (40).
5. A geometric dodecahedron is a three-dimensional shape with 12 faces. The Dodecahedron is a character with that shape. Each of his faces wears a different expression (171-173).
6. Rhyme and Reason are the two princesses from the old city of Wisdom that were banished by King Azaz and the Mathemagician (76-77).
7. The Senses Taker cannot take the sense of humor (230).