Worksheet 1. The Adventure of Alice Hindman

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Read “Adventure” and use the following questions to consider how Alice Hindman’s experiences relate to Sherwood Anderson’s central concerns in Winesburg, Ohio.

1. Describe Alice’s appearance. Is it grotesque? Why, or why not?

2. What happened between Alice and Ned Currie years ago when he was still in Winesburg? Was it grotesque?

3. Why didn’t the relationship between Alice and Ned grow and flourish?

4. In what ways had Alice become grotesque by the time she was twenty-seven? Why?

5. With what qualities does the story seem to associate youth and age?

6. What does Will Hurley add to the story?

7. What is grotesque about the “adventure” with the somewhat-deaf, elderly man?

8. How does the story as a whole connect with the insights expressed in the prologue story, “The Book of the Grotesque”?