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Assignment 1: The Mad Hatter

Mercury in fiction: Human Health Effects

Read Chapter 7 of Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll. In this chapter, Alice meets the Mad Hatter. Once you have finished the chapter, answer the questions below.

1) Where did the term “Mad Hatter” come from?

2) What are the symptoms of mercury poisoning? (Hint: read “The Basics” about mercury and human health from the National Institutes of Health <http://kidsenvirohealth.nlm.nih.gov/subtopic/002/chemicals/017/mercury/>)

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3) Write down three sentences or paragraphs from the chapter that show or describe a symptom of mercury exposure. After the sentence, write the symptom it is describing.