



"Until the Very End"

Engaging & Empowering Students with the *Harry Potter* Series

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"Differences of habit and language are nothing at all if our aims are identical and our hearts are open."
- Dumbledore, *Goblet of Fire*

Illustration by Jim Kay in *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*

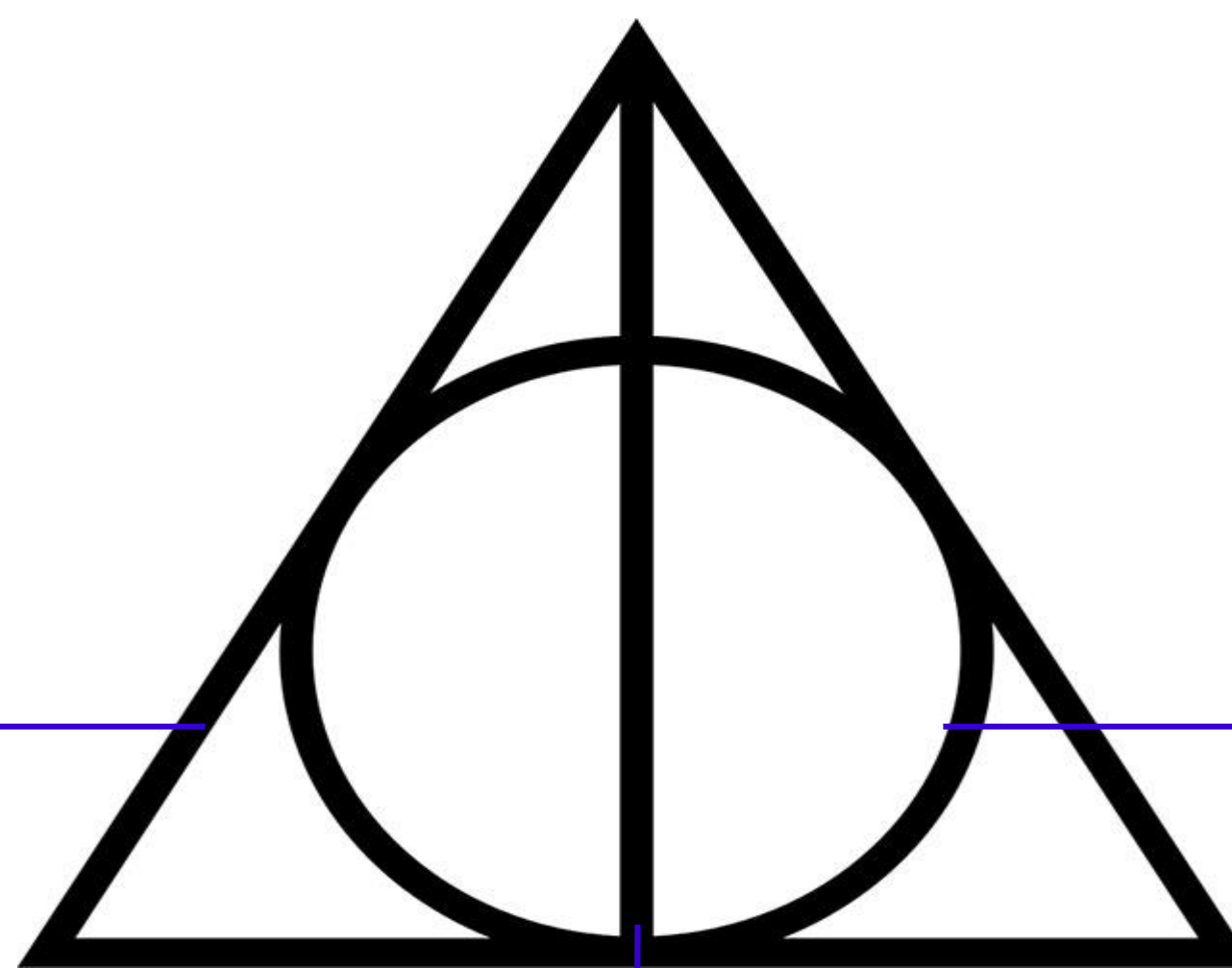
Why Harry Potter?

The *Harry Potter* series is one of the most beloved series of the last 20 years. 2017 is the 20th anniversary of the release of *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* (or *Sorcerer's Stone*, for those of us in the United States) and many libraries and book stores have created displays about The Boy Who Lived and his adventures. Harry Potter and his friends show the power of friendship and love, the importance of diversity and acceptance, and how even the most scared among us can be brave and stand up for what they believe in.

"Working hard is important, but there is something that matters even more: believing in yourself."
- Harry, *Order of the Phoenix*



Illustration by Jim Kay in *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*



Harry Potter Bulletin Boards

"Every great wizard in history has started out as nothing more than what we are now, students. If they can do it, why not us?"
- Harry, *Order of the Phoenix*



Fall 2016

Total completed trivia sheets = **46**

Spring 2017

Total completed puzzles = **86**

Trivia sheets tested:

- Knowledge of *Harry Potter* novels and films
- Knowledge of Dunbar Library and its resources

Winner:

HUFFLEPUFF

Puzzles consisted of:

- 4 word search puzzles (Magical Objects, Potions & Ingredients, Quidditch, Wand Cores & Woods)
- 4 crossword puzzles (Hogwarts Courses, Magical Creatures, Spells, Book Characters)

Winner:

GRYFFINDOR

Harry Potter and Social Justice

"It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."
- Dumbledore, *Chamber of Secrets*



- #### Planned events:
- Write thank you cards to faculty or staff who have helped
 - Write thank you cards to local government representatives
 - Collect socks and warm clothes to donate to local shelters (a "Dobby Drive")
 - Knitting/crocheting space for annual Scarf Frenzy

Harry Potter Murder Mystery

"Do not pity the dead, Harry. Pity the living, and, above all those who live without love."
- Dumbledore, *Deathly Hallows*

- Step 1:** Design game and write out scripts
Step 2: Record videos and take photos for posters



- Step 3:** Upload posters and videos into Aurasma and format for use.
Step 4: Test and test some more using the app.

VIDEO CLUES:

*All video clues are throughout the 1st and 2nd floors of Dunbar Library

These are not in order of your search - scroll down the screens as you find the clues:

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| Bellicose Language Who was the first candidate on the left of the podium on the display? | |
| Delicate Knowledge Who wrote this letter? | |
| Golden Lockhair What magical artifact was presented using this process? | |
| Grumpy Wizard What floor opens when the clue takes you to the 2 nd ? | |
| Molly Weasley What hours will the Writing Center be in the Library on Sunday? | |
| Pomona Sprout What floor opens on the platform that does not have a Wizard's Poster? | |
| Rita Skeeter Who is the author of the stolen article? | |
| Robbers Heaps! What game says that it will put a spell on you? | |
| Servants Sings What clue was the poem on the left? | |
| Sybill Trelawney What is the name of the location where Trelawney tells you to go? | |

WANTED: SYBILL TRELAWNEY



For questioning in the murder of Cho Chang



Harry Potter Murder Mystery Scavenger Hunt

Use these clues to solve the puzzle and figure out who did it!

INTERVIEWING:
Ask the clue holder and then read the words in boxes on the back of the clue. Once you know the meaning of the words, fill in the puzzle. (Clue 10 is the answer to the puzzle.)

Clue 10: Who is the author of the stolen article?

Clue 11: What magical artifact was presented using this process?

Clue 12: What floor opens when the clue takes you to the 2nd?

Clue 13: What hours will the Writing Center be in the Library on Sunday?

Clue 14: What floor opens on the platform that does not have a Wizard's Poster?

Clue 15: Who is the author of the stolen article?

Clue 16: What game says that it will put a spell on you?

Clue 17: What clue was the poem on the left?

Clue 18: What is the name of the location where Trelawney tells you to go?

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ENTER ANY UNSOLVED LETTERS FROM THE PUZZLE HERE:

THE MURDERER IS:

Your Name: _____

Your Email: _____

What is your favorite Harry Potter book? _____



"I love the Harry Potter games and quizzes you make...I wanted to appreciate you for making me nostalgic about Harry Potter again"

"This murder mystery is amazing!"

"What a great activity for welcome week...love it!"

Being able to complete quiz or puzzle gave me a confidence boost, and allowed me a second wind of energy to refocus on my studies.

I loved being able to apply all of my Harry Potter fun facts in and academic setting!