

# Welcome to Hogwarts: A Reading Adventure!

Greetings, young wizard or witch! Today, we begin an exciting journey into the magical world of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. Get ready to sharpen your reading skills while exploring the wonders of Hogwarts!

## Gather Your Magical Supplies (Materials):

- Your copy of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"
- A notebook or journal (Your own 'Book of Spells'!)
- Pencils or pens ('Quills')
- A highlighter ('Lumos' Charm!)
- A dictionary (or access to an online one, like a magical lexicon)

## Lesson Scrolls (Activities):

### 1. Pre-Reading Charm: Setting the Scene

Before we dive in, let's think about what we already know or expect. What do you know about Harry Potter? What do you think might happen in a school for wizards? Write down a few ideas in your journal.

### 2. Enchanted Reading: Chapters 1-3

Read Chapters 1 ('The Boy Who Lived'), 2 ('The Vanishing Glass'), and 3 ('The Letters from No One') of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone". As you read, use your highlighter to mark any words you don't know or find particularly interesting. Also, highlight descriptions of the main characters you meet.

### 3. Vocabulary Potions: Wizarding Words

Look up 5-7 words you highlighted during your reading. In your journal, write down the word, its definition, and use it in your own sentence describing something from the book or the magical world.

#### Example Words You Might Find:

- astonish
- enumerate
- reptile
- mantelpiece
- scruffy
- bewildered

### 4. Owl Post Queries (Comprehension Check):

Answer these questions in your journal. Use complete sentences!

- Describe the Dursleys. How do they treat Harry?
- What strange things happen around Harry before he learns he's a wizard?
- Why is Harry so desperate to get the letters?
- Who is Hagrid and what important news does he bring Harry?
- Based on these chapters, describe Harry's personality. Is he brave? Curious? Kind? Use

examples from the text.

## **5. Character Constellations: Meet the Wizards (and Muggles!)**

In your journal, create a small profile for Harry Potter and the Dursleys (Vernon, Petunia, Dudley). Include:

- Name
- Physical description (if given)
- Key personality traits (use adjectives)
- Their relationship to Harry

## **6. Peeking into the Pensieve (Prediction):**

Based on what you've read so far, what do you predict will happen next? What challenges might Harry face? What are you most excited to find out? Write down your predictions.

## **Magical Wrap-up:**

Well done! You've successfully navigated your first reading assignment at Hogwarts. Think about what you enjoyed most and what new things you learned about reading closely and understanding characters. Keep your journal safe - we'll add more to it in our next lesson!