

## Materials Needed:

- Paper (plain white or construction)
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- Optional: A toy gavel or a picture of one

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## Lesson: Justice, Fairness, and Sirius Black!

Hi there! Today, we're going on a magical history adventure, thinking about fairness, just like in Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban!

Remember Sirius Black? Many people in the wizarding world thought he did something terrible, but Harry, Ron, and Hermione learned the truth – he was innocent! He was accused unfairly and sent to Azkaban without people knowing the whole story. That sounds really unfair, doesn't it?

### What Does 'Fair' Mean?

Think about sharing cookies. If you get three cookies and your friend gets three cookies, that feels fair. But what if you got five cookies and your friend only got one? That wouldn't feel fair!

Fairness means everyone gets treated in a way that is right and honest, based on the rules or the situation.

### Sirius Black and Unfairness

Sirius Black's situation was very unfair because:

- People didn't have all the facts.
- He wasn't given a proper chance to tell his side of the story (a trial).
- He was punished for something he didn't do.

This happens in the real world too, sometimes. That's why it's so important to find out the truth and listen to everyone's story before deciding if someone did something wrong.

### History Helpers: Rules and Laws

A long, long time ago, people realized that life was better and safer when there were rules to help everyone be fair to each other. These rules grew into laws. Laws are rules that a whole community or country agrees on to keep things safe and fair.

One important idea that developed over history is that someone is 'innocent until proven guilty'. This means we should believe someone hasn't done wrong \*until\* there is proof that they did. This helps protect people from being treated unfairly, like Sirius Black was.

### Activity: Fair or Unfair?

Let's draw! Fold your paper in half.

1. On one side, draw a picture of something that is FAIR. (Examples: Taking turns on a swing, sharing toys equally, everyone getting the same number of game pieces).

2. On the other side, draw a picture of something that is UNFAIR. (Examples: Someone cutting in line, one person getting all the crayons, blaming someone for something they didn't do).

Talk about your drawings. Why is one fair and the other unfair?

### **Wrap-up: The Golden Snitch of Fairness**

Just like finding the Golden Snitch takes skill and attention, making sure things are fair takes thought and effort. It's important to listen, find out the facts, and follow rules designed to be fair. Believing the best about people unless proven otherwise is a key part of fairness, something the wizarding world forgot when it came to Sirius Black!

Great job exploring fairness today! Remember how important it is to treat others fairly and to stand up for what's right, just like Harry, Ron, and Hermione did for Sirius!