

The Official Companion to The Unofficial Harry Potter Companion

SORCERER'S STONE

Seven magical topics to discuss with a group:

1. Find a fact you didn't know about *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* in *The Unofficial Harry Potter Companion*.
2. Hagrid was with baby Harry for hours before he showed up in Privet Drive. How do you think he cared for Harry during this time?
3. If you could put a charm on an object to make it magical, what would you choose and what would it do?
4. What do you think about the ring composition of the book? Have you found any other connections that we didn't mention?
5. The wand chooses the wizard, but the woods and cores have meanings that we can apply to ourselves. What would your wand be? You can find the 'official' descriptions online or choose something personal to you!
6. What would you see if you looked in the Mirror of Erised? (If you feel comfortable sharing.)
7. Would you eat the DeskPig?

You can find many more wonderful topics for discussion in the 'Consider This' and 'Magical Theory' sections in *The Unofficial Harry Potter Companion*, with questions and theories specific to each chapter of the novel. You could use these to start your own book group, re-reading the novel to discover your own new ideas about the series.

You can also find even more topics and questions in the Alohomora! Podcast covering the entire book series. Visit alohomorapodcast.com to join the discussion.

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The Unofficial Harry Potter Companion offers an in-depth exploration of the original text of *Sorcerer's Stone*, but as we know the books have been translated, illustrated, adapted and explored through exhibitions and more.

If you have a copy of these items that we considered 'Beyond the Books' what information can you discover that would fit our headings? Can you come up with your own 'Consider This' questions, 'Did You Know' facts, 'Magical Theories' and 'Meanwhile Elsewhere's' for the wider *Potter* universe? Write some ideas in the spaces below or start your own diary to hold your explorations as a companion to your collection.

Consider This

Did You Know?



Magical Theory

Meanwhile, Elsewhere

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Quiz

How closely have you read *The Unofficial Harry Potter Companion*? All of the answers can be found within the book, but we're not telling you where!

1. Which non-Potter magical figure is Hagrid often compared to?
2. How many first years mentioned in the Sorting are never mentioned again in the book series?
3. Why does the fandom pay particular attention to Snape's question about Asphodel and Wormwood?
4. What is so special about chapter 9 in ring theory?
5. What magical object arrives before both times Hermione stops speaking to Harry and Ron?
6. Which magical creature do we compare with the Mirror of Erised?
7. Why did the fandom consider the chess game at the end of this book important for *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*?

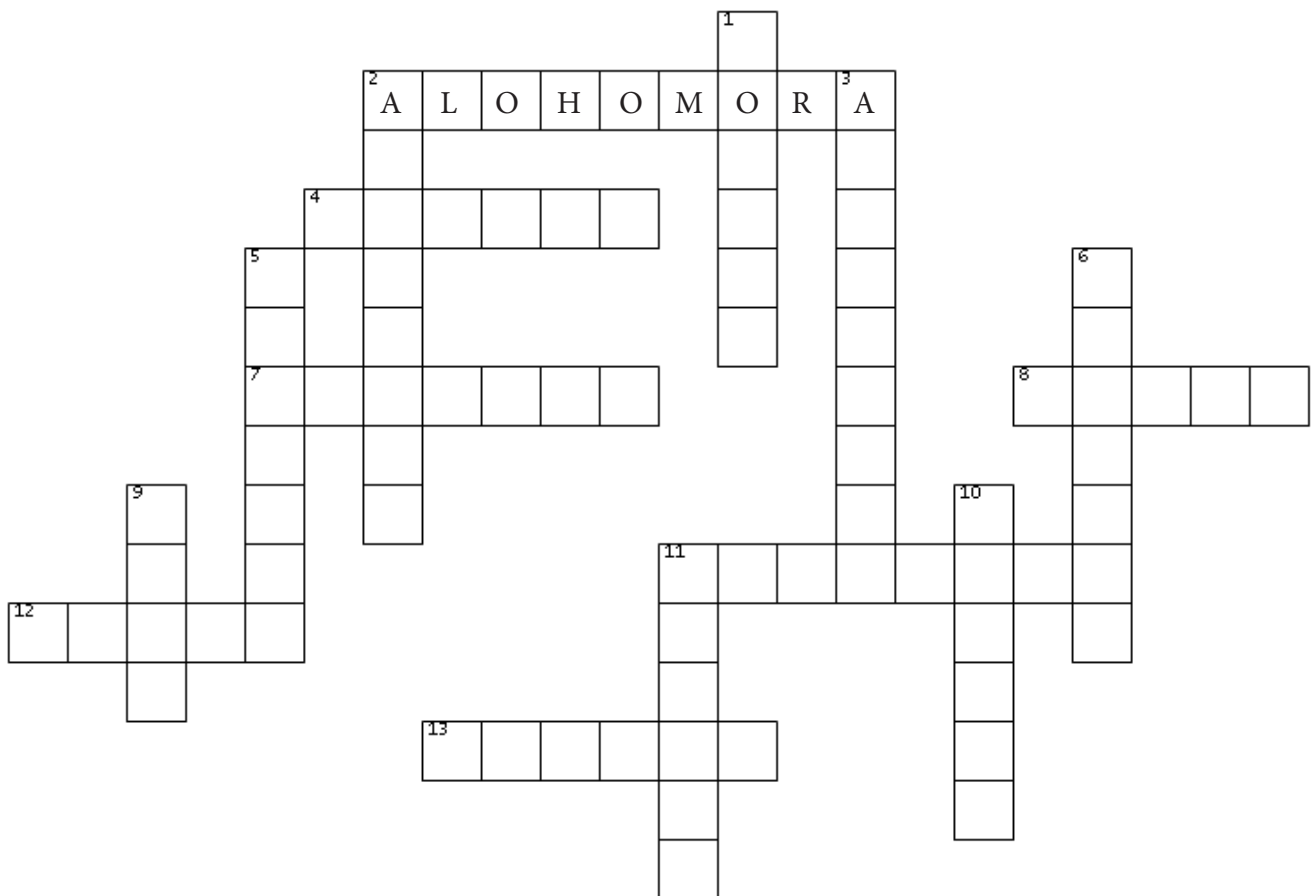
Bonus round:

1. In which chapter is Harry first told he looks like his parents?
2. In which chapter is Katie Bell first mentioned?
3. In which chapter does Snape confiscate Harry's copy of *Quidditch Through the Ages*?
4. In which chapter does Ron end up sleeping in the common room while his friends have an adventure?

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Crossword



ACROSS

- 2. Our podcast!
- 4. Our community
- 7. Would you eat it?
- 8. It's real
- 11. Putting things in order
- 12. Each house has one
- 13. Hagrid's favorite

DOWN

- 1. Do you have all the ingredients?
- 2. Exploring each chapter
- 3. The book is packed with action and...
- 5. Listen to us here
- 6. Sections of a book
- 9. Hermione's favorite
- 10. I'm a what?
- 11. The fans have so many ideas