

Dear Host,

It's time for another meeting of The Harry Potter Reading Club! Download these fun new activities at **scholastic.com/hpreadingclub**.









Activity 1: Enchanted Objects

For this creative writing activity, members will look back to the moment in *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* when Harry escapes from the Dursleys by way of Mr. Weasley's enchanted car.

Ask members to think of a Muggle object they would like to enchant. Then, have them write an essay about this enchanted object. Have them explain why they chose the object and how they think it might change their life.

Prepare ahead:

- 1) Photocopy one worksheet per member.
- 2) Have pens or pencils on hand.

During the activity:

- 1) Discuss the topic and allow members time to brainstorm ideas before they begin the creative writing activity.
- 2) Afterwards, invite club members to share their essays with the group.

Activity 2: Valentine's Day!

In *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, Harry receives a very unusual valentine from a singing dwarf. For this craft activity, club members will get to test their songwriting skills and create their own one-of-a-kind valentines!

Prepare ahead:

- 1) Photocopy one worksheet per member.
- 2) Gather valentine-making supplies, such as red, white, and pink construction paper, glue, colored markers, and scissors.

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During the activity:

- 1) Read the introduction on the worksheet aloud to the group and discuss the activity.
- 2) Set out enough supplies for each member.
- 3) Invite each member to read or sing their valentines aloud.

Activity 3: 'Secrets to Hide' Word Find

Secret words are concealed throughout this puzzle. Test club members' ability to uncover them all!

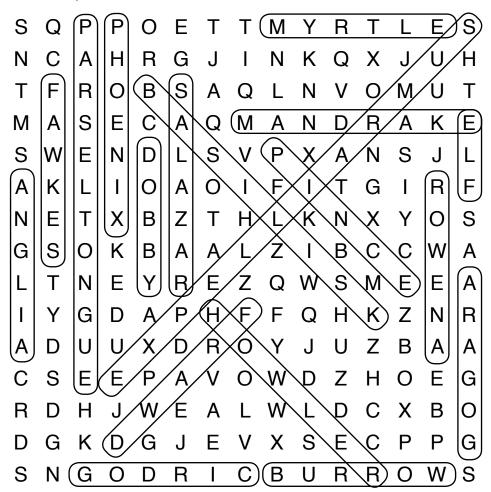
Prepare ahead:

- 1) Photocopy one worksheet per member.
- 2) Have pens or pencils on hand.

During the activity:

- 1) Have club members work individually to solve the puzzle.
- 2) If members need help, use the provided answer key.

Answer Key



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Activity 4: Who Have I Transformed into?

In *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, Harry, Ron, and Hermione are convinced that Draco Malfoy is the Heir of Slytherin. To hear him admit this, they drink Polyjuice Potion and pose as Malfoy's friends, Crabbe and Goyle.

For this activity, club members will imagine that after taking a sip of Polyjuice Potion, they've been transformed into a character from *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*!

To find out which character they are supposed to be, club members will have to ask the group a series of "yes" or "no" questions.

Prepare ahead:

- 1) Print out one copy of the Who Have I Transformed into? worksheet and cut out the nametags.
- 2) Photocopy the **Who Have I Transformed into?** list of character names for club members to reference.
- 3) Have tape available.

During the activity:

- 1) Discuss the activity and rules, making sure that everyone understands how to play.
- 2) Have club members sit in a circle.
- 3) Use tape to attach a nametag to each club member's forehead, making sure that no one sees his or her own nametag.
- 4) Be prepared to offer hints as needed.

Rules:

- 1) Randomly decide who goes first.
- 2) Each player will ask the group up to twenty "yes" or "no" questions (i.e., "Am I a professor?" or "Do I wear glasses?") to help them guess the name on their nametag.
- 3) Allow each player to finish his or her turn before moving on to the next club member.

FEBRUARY BONUS TRIVIA QUESTION:

What did Professor Lockhart bring into his first class?

Answer: Cornish pixies



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If you're new to the club, check out the **Welcome Kit** to print bookmarks, nametags, and useful tips for managing your club. Or, if your club has just finished reading one of the Harry Potter books, and you'd like to engage on an even deeper level, be sure to check out the Discussion Guide for that book. You'll find everything you need on **scholastic.com/hpreadingclub**.

Yours sincerely,

The Harry Potter Reading Club

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