

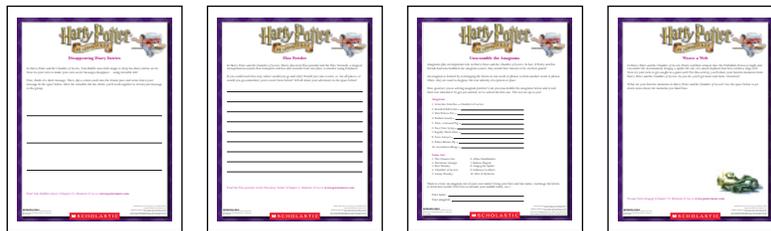
# Harry Potter

## READING CLUB



### Dear Host,

Welcome back! It's time for another meeting of The Harry Potter Reading Club! Download these fun new activities at [scholastic.com/hpreadingclub](http://scholastic.com/hpreadingclub).



### Activity 1: Disappearing Diary Entries

In *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, the enchantments on Tom Riddle's diary render anything written in its pages invisible.

For this craft activity, club members will be able to keep their own diary entries secret, but they will be using invisible ink!

#### Prepare ahead:

- 1) This activity should be done in pairs or small groups.
- 2) Photocopy one worksheet per team.
- 3) Gather ink-making supplies: cotton swabs, a bowl, a spoon, water, half a lemon, and a heat source, such as a hair dryer or small lamp with a 40-watt (not halogen) light bulb.

#### During the activity:

- 1) Explain the activity and have members work in pairs or small groups to come up with secret diary entries. (Note: You might consider vetting their messages to make sure they're appropriate.)
- 2) Prepare the invisible ink: Squeeze lemon juice into the bowl and stir in a spoonful of water to dilute the mixture.
- 3) Choose a volunteer from each team to write the message. Have him or her dip a cotton swab into the lemon juice and write out their diary entry in the space provided on their worksheet.
- 4) Allow time for the ink to dry.
- 5) To reveal the invisible diary entries, heat the paper until the message turns brown. Carefully monitor the process.

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## Activity 2: Floo Powder

In *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, Harry learns about Floo powder and the Floo Network, a magical transportation system that lets witches and wizards travel by way of chimneys.

For this creative writing activity, club members will imagine that they, too, are able to enter a chimney and get transported to different locations in their own world. Then, they will write a short essay about their experience, focusing on where they would go and why.

### Prepare ahead:

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

### During the activity:

- 3) Discuss the activity and give members time to brainstorm before writing their essays.
- 4) Encourage members to think creatively about their own world and how they would explore it.
- 5) After everyone has finished, invite volunteers to read their stories aloud.

## Activity 3: Unscramble the Anagrams

For this activity, club members will put their language and problem-solving skills to the test as they unscramble anagrams of characters from *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*.

### Prepare ahead:

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

### During the activity:

- 1) Be ready to explain the concept of anagrams and provide examples and assistance to club members as needed.
- 2) After club members have finished unscrambling the character names, have them try creating anagrams out of their own names! Assist them in this task and invite them to share their results with the group.

### Answer Key:

1. Scratches from Bee: Chamber of Secrets
2. Bearded Bull Sumo: Albus Dumbledore
3. Hen Echoes Not: The Chosen One
4. Bushier Guard: Rubeus Hagrid
5. Thor, a Greased Pig: Aragog the Spider
6. Easy New Lying: Ginny Weasley
7. Regally Thick Odor: Gilderoy Lockhart
8. Nose Lawyer: Ron Weasley
9. Either Rhinos Fly: Heir of Slytherin
10. Greenhorn Mirage: Hermione Granger

## Activity 4: Weave a Web

This game activity puts club members at the center of a giant web, like the one Aragog the spider spins. As club members share their favorite moments from *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, they become more and more entangled!

### Prepare ahead:

- 1) Bring in one large ball of yarn (available at craft or knitting stores). Any color will do, though multicolored yarn makes for a more interesting web.
- 2) Have pens or pencils on hand.

### During the activity:

- 1) Allow club members time to write down notes about their favorite scenes.
- 2) Have club members stand in a circle.
- 3) Hold the ball of yarn and share a memorable scene from *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*. Then, without letting go of a segment of the yarn, toss the ball of yarn to a club member across the circle, and ask him or her to do the same.
- 4) Continue throwing the ball of yarn back and forth across the circle until everyone has had a turn sharing favorite moments and the ball of yarn has completely unwound and formed a web.
- 5) To play again, try different categories like Harry Potter characters, places, classes, spells, and so on!

## MARCH BONUS TRIVIA QUESTION:

Where in Diagon Alley do Harry and his friends buy their school books?

**Answer:** Flourish and Blotts



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Yours sincerely,

The Harry Potter Reading Club

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