

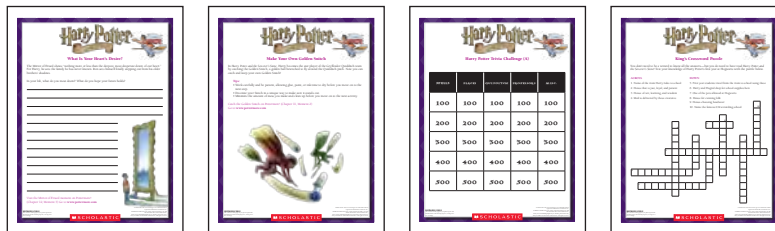
Harry Potter

READING CLUB



Dear Host,

It is time for another meeting of The Harry Potter Reading Club! Download these four exciting new activities at scholastic.com/hpreadingclub.



November Activity 1: What Is Your Heart's Desire?

For this creative writing exercise, members will think back to the scene in *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* when Harry and Ron first encounter the Mirror of Erised. Ask members to imagine what they desire most in their life. Then, ask them to write a few paragraphs about what they want most, or what they hope that their future holds.

Prepare ahead:

- 1) Photocopy one worksheet per member.
- 2) Make sure you have plenty of pencils.

During the activity:

- 1) Discuss the topic and have members brainstorm some examples.
- 2) Allow members about ten minutes to craft their responses.

November Activity 2: Make Your Own Golden Snitch

Every Quidditch seeker dreams of catching the Golden Snitch. For this activity, members will get a chance to make their very own versions of the coveted flying ball! Encourage members to be creative and to consider adding their own personal touches that will make their creations unique.

Prepare ahead:

- 1) Gather supplies such as small foam balls, feathers, glue, markers, paint, and glitter.
- 2) Bring in old newspapers or butcher paper to protect your workspace.

During the activity:

- 1) Set out enough supplies for each member.
- 2) Explain the activity and let participants get to work!
- 3) When they're done, invite everyone to show their finished Snitch to the group.

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Activity 3: Harry Potter Trivia Challenge

For this activity, club members will get a chance to show off just how much they know about *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*.

Prepare ahead:

- 1) Print out four copies of the **Harry Potter Trivia Challenge (A)** game board.
- 2) Print out one copy of the **Harry Potter Trivia Challenge (B)** host question sheet.
- 3) You might want to provide a bell or some sort of “buzzer” for each team.

During the activity:

- 1) Have club members divide into three teams.
- 2) Give each team one copy of the **Harry Potter Trivia Challenge (A)** game board, which features categories and point values.
- 3) Keep one copy each of the **Harry Potter Trivia Challenge (A)** game board and the **Harry Potter Trivia Challenge (B)** host question sheet for yourself.
- 4) Explain the rules to the group.

Rules:

- 1) Decide which team goes first and ask them to select a category and point value.
- 2) Read the question that corresponds to the selected category and point value. (If the team cannot provide the correct response, you may provide a hint and/or allow the other teams a chance to “buzz” in to answer.) The team that answers the question correctly gets to choose the next category and point value.
- 3) After each question is read, club members will need to hit their “buzzers” in order to answer. The first team to “buzz” in, will get the first chance to answer the question.
- 4) After each question is answered, cross off the corresponding box on your copy of the **Harry Potter Trivia Challenge (A)** game board.
- 5) Be sure to keep track of each team's score.
- 6) Continue to play until all of the game board boxes have been eliminated.

November Activity 4: King's Crossword Puzzle

Test club members' knowledge of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* with this challenging crossword puzzle.

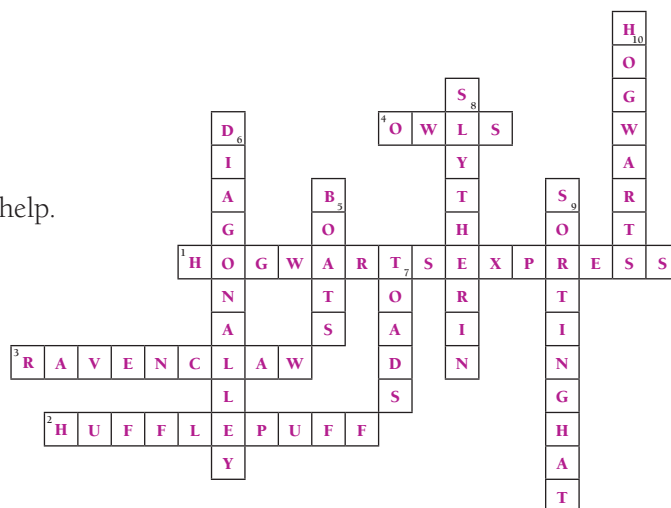
Prepare ahead:

- 1) Photocopy one worksheet for each member.
- 2) Make sure you have plenty of pencils.

During the activity:

- 1) This activity can be done individually, or in pairs.
- 2) If members get stuck, use the answer key to offer help.

Answer Key



NOVEMBER'S BONUS TRIVIA QUESTION:

What does Professor Dumbledore say that he sees himself holding in the Mirror of Erised?

Answer: Socks



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Yours sincerely,

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