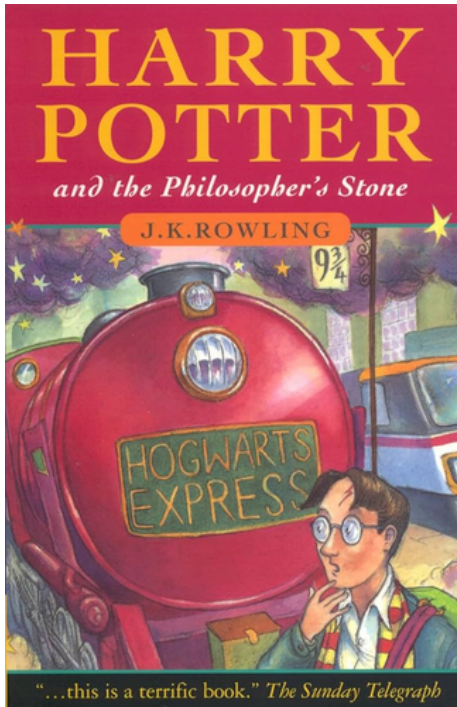


Year 8 'Harry Potter and The Philosophers Stone' Knowledge Organiser

Themes of
friendship, bravery,
and the battle
between good and
evil.



Summary

Adaptation of the first of J.K. Rowling's popular children's novels about Harry Potter, a boy who learns on his eleventh birthday that he is the orphaned son of two powerful wizards and possesses unique magical powers of his own. He is summoned from his life as an unwanted child to become a student at Hogwarts, an English boarding school for wizards. There, he meets several friends who become his closest allies and help him discover the truth about his parents' mysterious deaths.

Themes

Magic, Difference, and
Belonging
Love, Family, and Friendship
Power, Greed, and Desire
Humility and Self-Sacrifice
Rules and Rebellion

Key terminology

Emotive Language: certain word choices are made to evoke an emotional response.
Similes: the comparison of one thing with another thing of a different kind.
Alliteration: The repetition of the same sounds, usually at the beginning of words.

What we can learn from the Harry Potter novels

True friendship can get you through
anything. ...
Bravery comes in many forms. ...
People can surprise you. ...
It's okay to ask for help. ...
Heartbreak is sometimes inevitable. ..
Face your fears.

Sentence Types

Simple: Have a subject and just one main verb. Simple sentences are important for making clear points.

Compound: Contains two or more clauses joined together by a FANBOY

Complex: Contain a subordinate clause (does not make sense on it's own) and a main clause (makes sense on it's own)