

# English Literature Activities



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## *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*

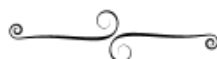
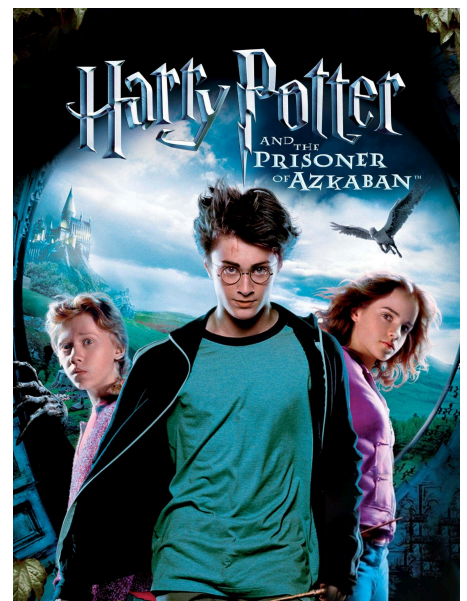
Harry Potter was a highly unusual boy in many ways. For one thing, he hated the summer holidays more than any other time of year. For another, he really wanted to do his homework but was forced to do it in secret, in the dead of night. And he also happened to be a wizard.

It was nearly midnight, and he was lying on his stomach in bed, the blankets drawn right over his head like a tent, a flashlight in one hand and a large leather-bound book (A History of Magic by Bathilda Bagshot) propped open against the pillow. Harry moved the tip of his eagle-feather quill down the page, frowning as he looked for something that would help him write his essay, "Witch Burning in the Fourteenth Century Was Completely Pointless. Discuss."

The quill paused at the top of a likely-looking paragraph. Harry Pushed his round glasses up the bridge of his nose, moved his flashlight closer to the book, and read:

Non-magic people (more commonly known as Muggles) were particularly afraid of magic in medieval times, but not very good at recognizing it. On the rare occasion that they did catch a real witch or wizard, burning had no effect whatsoever. The witch or wizard would perform a basic Flame Freezing Charm and then pretend to shriek with pain while enjoying a gentle, tickling sensation. Indeed, Wendelin the Weird enjoyed being burned so much that she allowed herself to be caught no less than forty-seven times in various disguises.

Harry put his quill between his teeth and reached underneath his pillow for his ink bottle and a roll of parchment. Slowly and very carefully he unscrewed the ink bottle, dipped his quill into it, and began to write, pausing every now and then to listen, because if any of the Dursleys heard the scratching of his quill on their way to the bathroom, he'd probably find himself locked in the cupboard under the stairs for the rest of the summer.



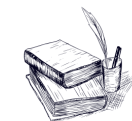


**After reading the text, decide if the sentences are True or False:**

1. Harry had to do his homework under his blanket
2. He held a torch to study his book on the pillow
3. His homework is about witch-burning now and in the past
4. Muggles could easily recognize wizards
5. Witches and wizards used their magic to avoid burning
6. Harry used a quill and ink to write
7. The Dursleys didn't like the fact that he was studying magic



**Have you seen any of the Harry Potter films? If yes, what are the things you like about them? If not, what have you heard about them? You can watch the trailer of this one here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAxgztbYDbs>**



**Read the text about the writer's life and decide if the sentences are True or False:**

J.K. Rowling is a famous British author best known for her *Harry Potter* series. She was born on July 31, 1965, in Yate, England. As a child, Rowling loved reading and writing stories. After university, she worked in different jobs, including as a teacher and a researcher.



The idea for Harry Potter came to her during a train journey from Manchester to London in 1990. She started writing the first book, "*Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*," which was published in 1997. The story follows a young boy named Harry Potter, who discovers he is a wizard. He goes to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, where he makes friends and learns magic.



Throughout the series, Harry faces many challenges, especially against the dark wizard Voldemort. The books explore themes like friendship, courage, and love. The Harry Potter series has seven books and has sold over 500 million copies worldwide. It has been translated into many languages and adapted into successful films. J.K. Rowling has become one of the most beloved authors in the world.

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2. She was born in London, England.
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5. The first book, "*Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*," was published in 1997.
6. Harry Potter is a young boy who discovers he is a wizard.
7. Harry goes to a school called Hogwarts School of Magic.
8. There are eight books in the Harry Potter series.
9. The series has sold over 500 million copies worldwide.



**Fill in the text with the words below:**

**Hogwarts, friend, third, dangerous, past, investigate, magical**

In "*Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*," Harry returns to \_\_\_\_\_ School for his \_\_\_\_\_ year. He learns that a \_\_\_\_\_ prisoner named Sirius Black has escaped from Azkaban, the wizarding prison. Everyone believes Sirius is trying to find Harry.

At school, Harry discovers more about his \_\_\_\_\_ and his parents. He learns that Sirius was once his father's best \_\_\_\_\_ but was accused of betraying them to Voldemort. As Harry, Hermione, and Ron \_\_\_\_\_, they meet new characters like Professor Lupin, the new Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher, and Buckbeak, a \_\_\_\_\_ creature.

As the story unfolds, Harry discovers the truth about Sirius. He is not the enemy but a loyal friend. In the end, Harry saves Sirius from capture and learns the importance of friendship and trust.



**Now read another part of the book when Hermione sends a letter to her friend Harry.**

**Dear Harry,**

Ron wrote to me and told me about his phone call to your Uncle Vernon. I do hope you're all right.

I'm on holiday in France at the moment and I didn't know how I was going to send this to you -- what if they'd opened it at customs? -- but then Hedwig turned up! I think she wanted to make sure you got something for your birthday for a change. I bought your present by owl-order; there was an advertisement in the Daily Prophet (I've been getting it delivered; it's



## Text

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## Biographical Text

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. True
7. True
8. False
9. True

## Text about the book:

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### **The book**

*Harry Potter and the prisoner of Azkaban* is a [fantasy novel](#) written by the British author [J. K. Rowling](#). It is the third instalment in the *Harry Potter* series. The novel follows [Harry Potter](#), a young [wizard](#), in his third year at [Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry](#). Along with friends [Ron Weasley](#) and [Hermione Granger](#), Harry investigates [Sirius Black](#), an escaped prisoner from [Azkaban](#), the wizard prison, believed to be one of [Lord Voldemort](#)'s old allies. (information from [Wikipedia](#)).

### **The film**

*Harry Potter and the prisoner of Azkaban* is a 2004 [fantasy film](#) directed by [Alfonso Cuarón](#) from a screenplay by [Steve Kloves](#). It is based on the 1999 novel *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* by [J. K. Rowling](#). It is the sequel to *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (2002) and the third instalment in the [Harry Potter film series](#). The film stars [Daniel Radcliffe](#) as [Harry Potter](#), alongside [Rupert Grint](#) and [Emma Watson](#) as Harry's best friends [Ron Weasley](#) and [Hermione Granger](#) respectively. It chronicles Harry's third year at [Hogwarts](#) and his quest to uncover the truth about his past, including the connection recently-escaped [Azkaban](#) prisoner [Sirius Black](#) has to Harry and his deceased parents. (information from [Wikipedia](#)).

If you are a fan of the Harry Potter universe, you could check out this site:

<https://www.wizardingworld.com/>

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