

Harry Potter Terms and Characters

The following characters and terms from the *Harry Potter* series are found in this lesson plan.

- **Muggles** in the *Harry Potter* series refer to those who show no magical ability. For example, people who live unaware of the magical world are called Muggles by witches and wizards with magical ability.
- **Harry**, a wizard, is the son of **Lily and James Potter**. Lily Potter had two parents without any magical ability—i.e., Muggles. Lily's sister, **Petunia**, does not have the ability either.
- **Hermione** is one of Harry's best friends and is a powerful witch. She has parents who are Muggles, meaning they do not possess magical ability.
- **Ron Weasley**, another wizard, is one of Harry's best friends and is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Weasley**, and **Ginny Weasley's** brother. He has other siblings, all of whom have red hair and freckles.
- **Dumbledore** is a powerful wizard who is the headmaster of the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.
- **Mr. Filch** is the caretaker of the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Both of his parents have magical ability, but he has very weak magical ability, himself. Witches and wizards with weak magical ability are called **squibs** in the *Harry Potter* series.
- **Dudley Dursley** is Harry's cousin, the only son of his maternal aunt, **Petunia**, who is married to **Vernon Dursely**.
- **Hagrid** is the Keeper of the Keys and Grounds of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, and teaches the class, Care of Magical Creatures. His father was a human wizard, while his mother was a giantess.
- A **hippogriff** is a creature with the head, wings, and forelimbs of a giant eagle, and the body of a horse. Their coat colors come in the same varieties as horses' coats (e.g., chestnut, black, gray, roan, white, etc.)

**For information on more characters and lineages from the Harry Potter series, refer to The Harry Potter Lexicon at www.hp-lexicon.org.*