

HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE

Directed by Christopher Columbus (2001)

Starring Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint.

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The story so far...

All the young, first year, magicians and witches have now arrived at Hogwarts and need to be divided into their houses. To do this they have a very unique method. They use a hat, called the 'sorting hat,' which can talk and read people's character just by sitting on their head. In this way it can decide the best house for each person. The first-year students are all now in the big hall being 'sorted.'

▶ Daniel Radcliffe (Harry) and Robbie Coltrane (Hagrid) in a scene from Christopher Columbus's film.



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OVER TO YOU

1 Watch the scene for the first time and say which house the following characters are selected for:

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| 1. SLYTHERIN | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ron Weasley |
| 2. HUFFLEPUFF | <input type="checkbox"/> | Red-haired girl |
| 3. GRYFFINDOR | <input type="checkbox"/> | Harry Potter |
| 4. RAVENCLAW | | |

2 Which house does Harry Potter NOT want to be in?

3 Which house does the hat want him to be in?
Read through the following questions before watching the scene again and then answer the questions.

4 At the beginning of the scene what effect does the director use to tell us the dark-haired man is evil?

5 He is staring at Harry. What is the consequence of his stare? Choose:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> it makes Harry feel hot | <input type="checkbox"/> it makes Harry's eye hurt | <input type="checkbox"/> it makes Harry's forehead hurt |
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6 From what the hat says how do we know that Ron Weasley is not the only member of his family to go to Hogwarts?

- 7** When he hears the house he has been selected for Ron is... Choose:
 relieved and happy disappointed and angry
- 8** What is the general reaction in the hall when Harry Potter's name is called out?
- 9** Tick from the expressions below those used by the hat to describe Harry.
 he has a thirst to prove himself he is very shy
 he is childish he is argumentative
 he is talented he is courageous
- 10** How do the others react when the hat finally decides about Harry?

OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

- 11** What type of lighting system exists in the hall?
- 12** What does the man in the background (with the white beard) seem to be sitting on?
- 13** How are all the adults in the scene dressed?
- 14** All these characters appeared in the scene. Do you know their names?



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ON LINE

If you are a big Harry Potter fan have a look at the website www.pottermore.com which J.K. Rowling started for her fans.