

This quiz was devised by Katy Moe, keen Latin scholar and avid Harry Potter reader of Redland High School in Bristol. We hope you will enjoy it.

Katy Moe's Harry Potter Classics Quiz

Section 1

1. Whose name comes from the Latin word for 'game'?

2. Whose first name is the Dog Star, the brightest star in the sky, and also comes from the Greek word for 'burning'?

3. Whose first name means in Latin 'white'?

4. Whose name means in Greek 'The Giant of Jewels'?

5. Whose first name comes from a Greek word meaning 'to creep'?

6. Whose last name comes from the Latin word for 'wolf'? What significance has his first name in a Roman legend?

7. What family's last name comes from the Latin meaning 'evil-doer'?

8. Whose first name comes from the Latin word for 'dragon' or 'snake'?

9. Whose last name comes from the Latin word for 'large'?

10. Whose first name comes from a Latin word meaning 'severity'?

11. What teacher's first name comes from the Greek word 'phylum', meaning 'leaves'?

Section 2

Why are the following names so appropriate?

12. Hermione Granger
13. Minerva McGonagall

Section 3

Look up the following references in various classical works (you may need to use the library, ask your Classics teacher or visit this website <http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/>). How did J K Rowling use these ideas from Classical works?

14. Virgil: Aeneid Book VI. The animal which guards the entrance to the Underworld.
15. Virgil: Aeneid Book VI. The name of the woman who is Aeneas's guide.
16. Ovid Metamorphoses Book I lines 600-650. The person who has the job of looking after Io the heifer.
17. Ovid Metamorphoses Book III lines 335-500.
18. The play Agamemnon by Aeschylus. Trojan princess whom Agamemnon brings home from Troy.

Section 4

Fill in this table of Harry Potter spells, their meanings and their Latin roots (all Latin verbs infinitive):

Spell	Meaning	Latin
	To summon an object	accire
Aparecium	To cause invisible ink to appear	
Crucio		cruciare
	To cause something to disappear	delere
	To cause teeth to grow uncontrollably	dens, augere
Diffindo	To open something	
Enervate		enervare
Expecto Patronum		expectare, patronus
Expelliarmus	To disarm	
Fidelius Charm		fidelus
	To end another's spell	finire, incantare
Impedimenta	To stop something	
Imperio	To put under one's command	
	Spell used with Floo powder	incendia
Lumos		lumen
Nox	To extinguish light	
Obliviate	To make someone forget	
Petrificus Totalus		petra, totus
	To reveal the previous spell	prior, incantare
Rictusempra		rictus
	To make something seem funny	ridiculus
Ruparo	To repair something	
	To make something fly	levis

Final Bonus Question

The Hogwarts motto means 'Never tickle a sleeping dragon'. Write this out in Latin.