

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Cut along the dashed lines and pass the cards around the table.

WARM-UP

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Where were you in life the first time you met this story, whether through the book, the films, or a friend's excitement? What did it feel like to come back to it now?

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2

If a letter arrived tomorrow inviting you somewhere wonderful, which part of the journey would you look forward to most: the train ride, the first feast, or the first night in a warm dormitory?

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DISCUSSION

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Harry goes from a cupboard under the stairs to a place where he's wanted. When in your own life have you walked into a room or a group and felt, maybe for the first time, that you belonged?

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Hogwarts is full of small comforts, like crackling fires, four-poster beds, and overflowing feasts. Which cozy detail stayed with you most, and why do you think it hit home?

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The friendships in this book start awkwardly and grow through small kindnesses. Share a friendship of yours that began in an unlikely way. What was the moment it clicked?

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Harry's first Christmas at school brings him gifts and warmth he's never had before. What's a small gesture someone made for you that meant far more than they probably realized?

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DEEP

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The story keeps coming back to love and loss, and to how the people we've lost stay with us. Did any moment make you think of someone you miss, and how did the book handle that feeling for you?

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By the end of the book, courage looks less like big heroics and more like standing up for friends and making hard choices. Which quiet act of bravery moved you most, and does it remind you of anyone in your own life?

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