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Letter From Secretary General

Dear Delegates, It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you all to the fourth annual session of Izmir Kız High School Model United Nations Conference. I am Ecrin Tügen, and I will be serving as your Secretary General for this conference. I am here to ensure you have an unforgettable experience in the best way possible.

During the conference, you will not only engage in diplomatic discussions, but you will also develop your leadership and communication skills, gain a deeper understanding of international issues, learn about the policies of other countries, practice crisis management, and socialize with delegates from other schools who may become your close friends. Briefly, this conference will offer you far more than you expect.

Of course, a great conference does not come together easily. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to my Executive, Organization, and Academic Teams, who have worked constantly and intensively throughout the entire process. I am certain that this conference will be amazing because of their hard work.

MUNIKL'26 has been my biggest dream for years; finally, my dream comes true with your interest and participation. I cannot fully express how grateful I am to all of you for being part of this journey. Wishing you a beneficial, enjoyable and truly unforgettable conference experience.

Warm Regards,

Ecrin Tügen

Secretary General, MUNIKL'26

Letter From the Under Secretary General

Dear Delegates,

I would like to welcome you to MUNIKL'26 as your Under Secretary General for the Fictional Crisis Committee. I am really delighted to be having this committee and I am sure that it will be the most amusing one you have ever been in!

I hope that you will create strong bonds with each other, learn about diplomacy and have so much fun.

This guide aims to provide you with the information you definitely need and I kindly ask you to read it carefully. By reading the study guide, your further research will be easier to fully understand.

I would like to appreciate all of the executive, academic, and organisation teams for making so much effort to create this amazing conference.

Best Regards!

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The Origins of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry

At some point in the tenth century, four of the greatest witches and wizards that ever lived founded Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Their names were Godric Gryffindor, Rowena Ravenclaw, Helga Hufflepuff and Salazar Slytherin. As The Sorting Hat told us, their reason for doing so was because they had the ‘selfsame yearning, to make the world’s best magic school’, and once they did, each created their own house to represent a personality and skill that they wanted to nurture. Gryffindor students embodied bravery and chivalry; Ravenclaw, intelligence and wit; Hufflepuff, loyalty and fair play; and Slytherin, the values of being sly and cunning. At the time, witches and wizards faced increasing persecution from non-magical people. The four founders decided to create a safe place where young magical children could be educated, protected, and properly trained in magic. Hogwarts was built in a hidden location in the Scottish Highlands, protected by powerful enchantments to keep it concealed from Muggles. For instead of an enormous school, any passing Muggle would only see ruins and signs warning them of danger.

The founders of Hogwarts were originally friends. Yet that changed once it became clear that certain founders had a very different idea of what they wanted Hogwarts to be. That founder, of course, was Salazar Slytherin, who distrusted Muggle-born wizards, and believed that only ‘pure-blood’ students should be allowed to attend Hogwarts. The other founders disagreed – especially Godric Gryffindor, who was, up until then, Slytherin’s greatest friend. Their argument – possibly, it’s suggested, a duel – resulted in Slytherin leaving the school behind.

The Houses and Choosing Procedure

At first, the founders were choosing students to their own houses, when the school was first founded. But when the founders became older, they were faced with a problem: how would they ensure that students were sorted into the right House after they were gone? For up until that point, that decision was made by them and them alone. The solution? Godric’s hat. The founders decided that the best course of action was for Godric to take off his hat so that all four of them could enchant it to sort students long after their deaths. And so, the Sorting Hat was born.

The Sorting Hat is one of the cleverest enchanted objects most witches and wizards will ever meet. It literally contains the intelligence of the four founders, can speak (through a rip near its brim) and is skilled at Legilimency, which enables it to look into the wearer’s head and divine his or her capabilities or mood. It can even respond to the thoughts of the wearer.

The Sorting Hat is famous for refusing to admit when it makes a mistake in classifying a student. On those occasions when Slytherins behave altruistically or selflessly, when Ravenclaws flunk all their exams, when Hufflepuffs prove lazy yet academically gifted and when Gryffindors exhibit cowardice, the Hat steadfastly backs its original decision. On

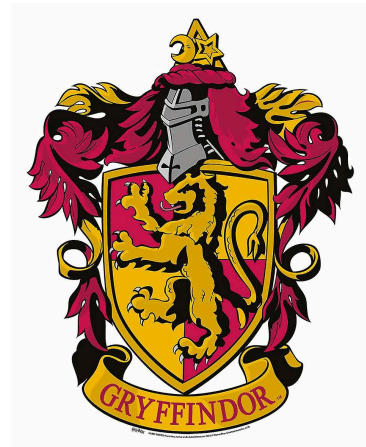
balance, however, the Hat has made remarkably few errors of judgement over the many centuries it has been at work.

"The four Houses are called Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, and Slytherin. Each House has its own noble history and each has produced outstanding witches and wizards. While you are at Hogwarts, your triumphs will earn your House points, while any rule breaking will lose House points. At the end of the year, the House with the most points is awarded the House Cup, a great honour." says Minerva McGonagall to the new Hogwarts students in the first book. So, let's continue with the houses:

Gryffindor

*"...You may belong in Gryffindor,
Where dwell the brave at heart,
Their daring, nerve and chivalry..."*

Gryffindor House, founded by Godric Gryffindor, values bravery, daring, and chivalry. Gryffindors are often characterized by their willingness to stand up for what they believe is right, even in the face of danger. Courage in this House does not simply mean physical boldness; it also includes moral bravery—the strength to defend others, admit mistakes, and challenge injustice.



The House colors are red and gold, and its emblem is the lion, symbolizing courage and leadership. The Gryffindor common room is located in one of the castle's towers, reinforcing the House's association with boldness and visibility. Over the centuries, Gryffindor has produced many witches and wizards known for heroic actions. However, Gryffindors can sometimes be impulsive or reckless, showing that even positive traits can have drawbacks when taken to extremes.

Hufflepuff

*"...You might belong in Hufflepuff,
Where they are just and loyal,
Those patient Hufflepuffs are true
And unafraid of toil..."*

Hufflepuff House, founded by Helga Hufflepuff, values loyalty, patience, fairness, and hard work. Unlike the other founders, Helga Hufflepuff was willing to teach all students equally, regardless of background, as long as they were dedicated and kind. This inclusive philosophy makes Hufflepuff unique among the Houses.



Its colors are yellow and black, and its emblem is the badger, symbolising persistence and resilience. The Hufflepuff common room is located near the kitchens, reflecting the House's warmth and sense of community. Students in Hufflepuff are known to show that loyalty and quiet strength can be just as heroic as dramatic acts of bravery. Hufflepuffs may not always seek attention, but their reliability makes them essential members of the wizarding community.

Ravenclaw

*"...Or yet in wise old Ravenclaw,
If you've a ready mind,
Where those of wit and learning
Will always find their kind..."*

Ravenclaw House, founded by Rowena Ravenclaw, values intelligence, wisdom, curiosity, and creativity. Ravenclaws are typically motivated by a love of learning and intellectual exploration. They enjoy solving problems, asking questions, and thinking independently. For them, knowledge is both a tool and a reward in itself.



The House colors are blue and bronze, and its emblem is the eagle, representing vision and insight. The Ravenclaw common room is located in a tower and requires students to solve a riddle in order to enter, symbolising the House's emphasis on intellect. Notable members illustrate that intelligence can take many forms, including creativity and open-mindedness. However, Ravenclaws may sometimes appear distant or overly focused on theory rather than action.

Slytherin

*"...Or perhaps in Slytherin,
You'll make your real friends,
Those cunning folk use any means
To achieve their ends..."*

Slytherin House, founded by Salazar Slytherin, emphasizes ambition, resourcefulness, leadership, and determination. Students sorted into Slytherin are often strategic thinkers who are willing to work persistently toward their goals. The House values self-preservation and cleverness, qualities that can lead to great success.



Its colors are green and silver, and its emblem is the serpent, traditionally associated with cunning and transformation. The Slytherin common room is located in the dungeons beneath the lake, creating an atmosphere of secrecy and exclusivity. While Slytherin has gained a negative reputation due to the actions of certain dark wizards, it is important to recognize that

ambition itself is not evil. Many Slytherins show loyalty, bravery, and complexity. Slytherin demonstrates that ambition, when guided by strong values, can be a powerful force for achievement.

The Ideology of Pure Blood Superiority

During the tenth century, pure-blood supremacism was considered a misguided opinion. However, after the International Statute of Wizarding Secrecy was put into effect in 1692, wizards started to go into hiding fearing persecution from Muggles. This led to a shift in magical opinion and a growth in pure-blood supremacist thought. Some wizards and witches advocated all-out war against the Muggles, rather than being forced to live in hiding, but magical society chose another course of action (arguably, being a minority in a much larger Muggle majority and already having trouble defending themselves against death and persecution, it's not at all clear they would have won such a conflict). At this time, the so-called 'pure-bloods' were not necessarily pure, but it was more of a statement of political and social intent.

More militant subscribers of this philosophy even considered themselves to be akin to royalty. They viewed Muggles, Muggle-borns, half-bloods, and half-breeds with contempt and considered the Muggle world to be inferior to their own. Pure-bloods (and even half-bloods) who did not share this view were considered traitors to their own kind or "blood traitors". They were considered disgraces by pure-blood supremacists. The most extreme of the pure-blood supremacists sought to purge the world of those they consider "impure". They often tolerated half-bloods out of necessity (though still disdained them), but Muggle-borns were persecuted, and Muggles were viewed as nothing more than animals. Supremacists debated amongst themselves whether Muggles and Muggle-borns should be subject to death or slavery, but they generally agreed goal of pure-blood supremacy was a world where Muggles were relegated to at least a lesser role.

First Rise of The Dark Arts

In the earliest centuries of organized wizarding communities, magic was still being systematized. Spells, potions, and enchantments were studied without the rigid ethical frameworks that would later govern magical education. Certain witches and wizards began exploring branches of magic focused not on healing or protection, but on domination, manipulation, and immortality.

Long before the Wizarding Wars, segments of wizarding society believed in blood purity. Certain old families viewed themselves as culturally and magically superior. Discrimination against Muggle-born witches and wizards was common in society, along with social exclusion, elitist marriage traditions, and the romanticization of older, more authoritarian magical values. This atmosphere made extremist rhetoric easier to spread.

The late medieval and early modern periods were shaped by Muggle persecution of witches and wizards. Although many magical individuals could escape execution through magic, the repeated exposure to hostility fostered fear and resentment. Some wizards responded defensively; others responded with aggression. A faction began to argue that wizards should dominate Muggles rather than hide from them. The 1692 International Statute of Secrecy formalized separation between magical and non-magical communities. While it provided safety, it also institutionalised isolation.

Before large-scale dark revolutions, history records individual dark wizards who sought personal power. These figures were feared but not politically transformative. They did not build transnational movements or coherent ideologies. The Dark Arts during this period remained decentralised and reactive rather than revolutionary. Their goals were typically immortality, wealth, and magical domination in local regions. Because of those goals, the *Deathly Hallows* were founded.

The Deathly Hallows

The Deathly Hallows are three legendary magical objects said to make their owner the “Master of Death.” Their story is told in *The Tale of the Three Brothers*. According to legend, the Hallows were created (or granted) by Death himself to three brothers who cheated death. The Deathly Hallows were the Elder Wand, the Resurrection Stone and the Invisibility Cloak. The most powerful wand ever made was the Elder Wand. It was said that it makes its owner unbeatable in duels. It also changed allegiance when its master is defeated. Historically, it passed through many powerful wizards. The Resurrection Stone allows the user to recall shades of the dead. But it does not truly bring people back to life and often causes emotional suffering if misused. It symbolizes humanity’s difficulty in accepting loss. Lastly, the Invisibility Cloak grants true, lasting invisibility. Unlike ordinary cloaks, it does not wear out and can protect the wearer even from magical detection.

"There were once three brothers who were travelling along a lonely, winding road at twilight. In time, the brothers reached a river, too deep to wade through, and too dangerous to swim across. However, these brothers were learned in the magical arts, and so they simply waved their wands, and made a bridge appear across the treacherous water. They were halfway across it, when they found their path blocked by a hooded figure, and it was Death. He was angry that he had been cheated out of three new victims, for travelers usually drowned in the river. But Death was cunning. He pretended to congratulate the three brothers upon their magic, and said that each had earned a prize for being clever enough to evade him.

So, the oldest brother, who was a combative man, asked for a wand more powerful than any in existence. A wand that must always win battles for its owner. A wand worthy of a wizard who had conquered Death. So, Death had crossed to an Elder Tree on the banks of the river, fashioned a wand from a branch that had hung there, and gave it to the oldest brother.

Then the second brother, who was an arrogant man, decided that he wanted to humiliate Death still further, and asked for the power to recall others from Death. So, Death picked up a stone from the riverbank and gave it to the second brother, and told him that the stone would have the power to bring back the dead.

Finally, Death turned to the third brother. A humble man, he asked for something that would enable him to go forth from that place without being followed by Death. And so it was that Death reluctantly handed over his own Cloak of Invisibility.

In due course, the brothers separated, each for his own destination . The first brother travelled for a week or more, and, reaching a distant village, sought out a fellow wizard, with whom he had a quarrel. Naturally with the Elder Wand as his weapon, he could not fail to win the duel that followed. Leaving his enemy dead upon the floor, the oldest brother proceeded to an inn, where he boasted of the powerful wand which he had snatched from Death himself and of how it made him invincible. That very night, another wizard crept upon the oldest brother as he lay wine-sodden upon his bed. The thief took the wand, and, for good measure, slit the oldest brother's throat. And so, Death took the first brother for his own.

Meanwhile, the second brother journeyed to his own home, where he lived alone. Here, he took out the stone which had the power to recall the dead, and turned it thrice in his hand. To his amazement and delight, the figure of the girl he had once hoped to marry, before her untimely death, appeared at once before him. Yet she was sad and cold, separated from him as though by a veil. Though she had returned to the mortal world, she did not truly belong there, and suffered. Finally, the second brother, driven mad by hopeless longing, killed himself, so as to truly join her. And so, Death took the second brother for his own.

But though Death searched for the third brother for many years, he was never able to find him. It was only when he had attained a great age that the youngest brother finally took off the Cloak of Invisibility, and gave it to his son. And then, he greeted Death as an old friend, went with him gladly, and, as equals, they departed this life."

The Peverell Family

The Peverell brothers, Antioch, Cadmus, and Ignotus, are believed by some to be the subjects of the wizarding legend, "The Tale of the Three Brothers." Each possessed one of the Deathly Hallows; Antioch: the Elder Wand, Cadmus: the Resurrection Stone, and Ignotus: the Cloak of Invisibility.

According to legend, Antioch was murdered in his sleep the night after winning his first duel with the Elder Wand. He had boasted of its power, and someone coveted the wand enough to kill him for it. It is unknown if Antioch was really murdered, though given the Elder Wand's violent history, it seems likely, or if he had any descendants.

The legend also says that Cadmus committed suicide after using the Resurrection Stone to bring back his beloved, having found the experience completely unfulfilling. Not only was Cadmus's beloved an echo of herself in life, she found the world of the living

uncomfortable and wished to return to the afterlife. However, given that the Gaunts appear to be descended from Cadmus, as they possessed the Stone, it would seem Cadmus lived long enough to, at the very least, sire children, and it is likely that his beloved, who had died an untimely death, may have died in childbirth.

The legend eventually says that Ignotus lived a long and fulfilling life and, having decided to elude Death no longer, passed the Cloak of Invisibility on to his own son. He joined Death and welcomed him as a brother. His lineage is the easiest of the brothers' to trace, as the cloak would continue to be handed down from parent to child through the generations.

The Peverells had numerous descendants through female lines, but by the twentieth century only two such families could be identified through their heirlooms:

The first is the Gaunts. Marvolo Gaunt claimed Peverell blood through the female line, and had a ring with what he claims was the Peverell coat of arms, which actually was the sign of the Deathly Hallows. This ring was set with the Resurrection Stone, and later became one of Voldemort's Horcruxes.

The second is the Potters. Iolanthe Peverell was the granddaughter of Ignotus Peverell. Described as "beautiful," she lived in Godric's Hollow, and inherited the Cloak of Invisibility from her grandfather due to the lack of any male heirs in her generation. Upon her marriage to Hardwin Potter, she explained that, in the tradition of the Peverell family, possession of the cloak was kept secret. Hardwin honoured her family's tradition, and from then on the cloak was passed to the eldest child of each new generation of Potters.

Gellert Grindelwald

Born in 1883 in Hungary, Gellert Grindelwald began his magical education at Durmstrang Institute. Although the school itself had a reputation for tolerating the Dark Arts, Grindelwald was expelled due to his extreme interest in dark magic and his dangerous experiments. During his time at Durmstrang, he discovered the legend of the Deathly Hallows and became determined to obtain them in order to become the "Master of Death."

After his expulsion, he set out in search of the Hallows, and his first destination was Godric's Hollow. The village was known as the last recorded home of Ignotus Peverell, the original owner of the Invisibility Cloak. Believing that the Cloak might still be there, Grindelwald traveled to Godric's Hollow. His great-aunt, Bathilda Bagshot, a renowned magical historian, lived there, and Grindelwald stayed with her for a time.



While in Godric's Hollow, he met the Dumbledore family. Through Bathilda Bagshot, Grindelwald was introduced to Albus Dumbledore. The two young men quickly formed a strong bond, as they shared a common goal: to find the Deathly Hallows. However, although they sought the same objects, their motivations were not entirely the same.

Having lost his family at a young age, Albus Dumbledore longed for the Resurrection Stone in the hope of seeing his loved ones again. Grindelwald, on the other hand, aimed to gather all three Hallows in order to achieve near-invincibility and ultimately dominate Muggles. He openly shared these ambitions with Dumbledore. At first, Dumbledore did not strongly

oppose the idea and was, to some extent, influenced by it.

The tragedies of his childhood had left him with complicated feelings toward Muggles.



When they were children, Ariana Dumbledore had suffered a traumatic incident after attempting to suppress her magic, resulting in an uncontrolled magical outburst. Their father retaliated against the Muggles involved and was sent to Azkaban, where he later died. Years afterward, another uncontrolled magical explosion from Ariana led to their mother's death. These events deeply shaped Albus's worldview. Together, he and Grindelwald developed the

ideology they called "for the greater good," which justified wizard dominance and even the sacrifice of some Muggles if it served the supposed benefit of the magical majority.

As they planned their future, Albus neglected his family responsibilities, and Ariana's care largely fell to his brother, Aberforth. Frustrated by the burden placed on him and alarmed by Grindelwald's radical ideas, Aberforth confronted them. Tensions escalated further when Grindelwald suggested that Ariana should accompany them. Aberforth refused, insisting that she remain at home.

Enraged by the opposition, Grindelwald cast the Cruciatus Curse on Aberforth. Unable to tolerate his brother's suffering, Albus intervened, and a three-way duel broke out. During the chaos, a spell of unknown origin struck Ariana, and she was killed.

Unable to face Albus after Ariana's death, Grindelwald fled. However, he did not abandon his ambitions. Over the years, he continued to gather followers and consolidate power, imprisoning his enemies in a fortress he built. At the same time, he relentlessly pursued the Deathly Hallows. Determined to obtain the Elder Wand, he tracked it to the wandmaker Gregorovitch. Breaking into his workshop, Grindelwald stunned him and stole the wand.

As the years passed, Grindelwald grew increasingly powerful, spreading fear and violence across Europe. His rise turned him into an international threat, and wizards around the world sought to stop him.

Meanwhile, Albus Dumbledore avoided confronting Grindelwald for many years. Finally, in 1945, unable to stand by while more innocent lives were lost, he faced him in a legendary duel. Despite Grindelwald's possession of the Elder Wand, Dumbledore emerged victorious, proving himself to be one of the greatest wizards of his time.

Albus Dumbledore

Albus Dumbledore was born in 1881 to Percival and Kendra Dumbledore, into a family that would be marked by both brilliance and tragedy. He grew up in Godric's Hollow alongside his younger brother, Aberforth, and his sister, Ariana. Ariana's traumatic attack by Muggle boys when she was a child left her magic unstable and repressed, turning it into a dangerous, uncontrollable force. This single event changed the course of the Dumbledore family's life. Percival Dumbledore, enraged by what had happened to his daughter, attacked the boys responsible and was subsequently imprisoned in Azkaban. Rather than defend himself by revealing Ariana's condition, he chose silence to protect her, sacrificing his freedom for his family.



After Percival's imprisonment, the family moved to live in greater secrecy. Kendra Dumbledore devoted herself to caring for Ariana, whose suppressed magic required constant supervision. However, tragedy struck again when Ariana lost control of her powers and accidentally caused her mother's death. At only seventeen years old, Albus became the head of the family, abandoning his own dreams to take responsibility for Ariana and Aberforth. These repeated losses filled him with a deep sense of guilt and responsibility, emotions that would influence many of his future decisions.

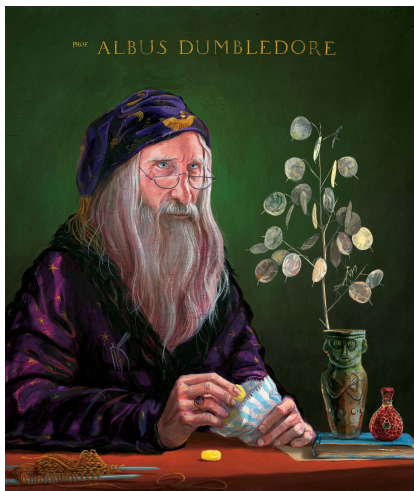
Dumbledore attended Hogwarts as a member of Gryffindor House. From his first year, he was recognized as an exceptionally gifted student. Professors admired not only his intelligence but also his curiosity and originality. He won numerous academic prizes, published scholarly articles, and formed correspondences with famous magical thinkers of his time. Even as a teenager, he demonstrated remarkable skill in complex branches of magic, including Transfiguration, which later became his specialty. He was also highly proficient in Occlumency and Legilimency, rare and demanding magical disciplines that require immense mental discipline. Though he credited his teachers for guiding him, Dumbledore's brilliance was largely driven by his own relentless study and natural talent.

After graduating, Dumbledore initially planned to travel the world with his friend Elphias Doge and pursue further magical research. However, his mother's sudden death forced him to abandon these ambitions and return home to care for his siblings. During this vulnerable period, he met Gellert Grindelwald, a brilliant but expelled student from Durmstrang. The two young men quickly formed an intense intellectual bond. Together, they explored

advanced magical theory and became fascinated with the legend of the Deathly Hallows. They dreamed of reshaping the wizarding world and establishing wizard dominance over Muggles “for the greater good.”

However, their shared ambitions blinded Dumbledore to the moral dangers of Grindelwald’s ideology. Tensions grew between the brothers, especially as Aberforth confronted Albus about neglecting Ariana. The conflict escalated into a three-way duel between Albus, Aberforth, and Grindelwald. In the chaos, Ariana was struck by a stray curse and died. The uncertainty over whose spell caused her death haunted Dumbledore for the rest of his life. Overwhelmed by guilt and grief, he ended his friendship with Grindelwald and withdrew from the path of power he had once been tempted by.

For many years, Grindelwald rose to power across Europe, spreading fear and gathering followers. Dumbledore, despite being one of the few wizards capable of defeating him, delayed confronting his former friend. Finally, in 1945, he faced Grindelwald in what became known as one of the greatest duels in magical history. Dumbledore emerged victorious, ending Grindelwald’s reign of terror and securing his reputation as one of the most powerful and respected wizards of the age.



After this victory, Dumbledore devoted himself fully to education and mentorship. He returned to Hogwarts as the Transfiguration professor and later became Headmaster. As a teacher, he was known not only for his extraordinary magical skill but also for his wisdom, empathy, and belief in second chances. He looked beyond talent and recognized the importance of character and choice. His experiences

with power and regret made him cautious, humble, and determined to protect the next generation from repeating the mistakes of the past. During these years, he paid particular attention to students who showed unusual potential, understanding that guidance could shape their futures. While he was searching for those students, he met one, that he would regret his whole life, Tom Riddle.

Tom Riddle and Creation of Lord Voldemort

Descended from Salazar Slytherin on his mother's side, through the House of Gaunt, Tom Riddle was conceived whilst his father, Tom Riddle Senior, was under the effects of a love potion supplied by his mother, Merope Gaunt. When the enchantment was lifted, Tom's father abandoned his pregnant wife and returned to Little Hangleton. His mother gave birth to him, before dying an hour later. Her only wishes were that he'd look like his father, and that he was named Tom after his father, his middle name Marvolo after her father, and that Riddle would be his last name. And with that, Tom Marvolo Riddle was born and raised in the Muggle-run Wool's Orphanage.



When Riddle was eleven, Albus Dumbledore, who at the time was the Transfiguration teacher at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, talked to Mrs Cole, who informed him of how unusual the boy was, sharing tales of his extraordinary influence over the other children. When Dumbledore spoke with him, Tom said that he is not mad, and everyone treats him like one. Dumbledore said that he trusted and believed him, which he would regret for the rest of his life. He encouraged Tom to join Hogwarts in order to learn magic and wizardry. And after that day, Tom Riddle joined Hogwarts officially, where he is going to learn wizardry, but also, most importantly, the dark arts.

When he was sorted into his house, he was immediately chosen to Slytherin. During his school years, he started to develop pure-blood supremacist ideas. Tom Riddle created the name Lord Voldemort during his teenage years at Hogwarts. He created the anagram "I am Lord Voldemort" from his birth name, "Tom Marvolo Riddle," to disassociate himself from his Muggle father and embrace his Salazar Slytherin heritage. While the exact year is not explicitly stated in canon, he used the name among his closest followers while still a student. He was also searching for the dark arts, where he found out about the Chamber of Secrets. Chamber of Secrets was founded by Salazar Slytherin, and he created it before he got fired from Hogwarts. The Chamber was meant to be used to purge and kill the Muggle-born students from school, which they used a creature called "Basilisk" for this purging, and he used the Chamber for its purpose. This finding resulted in the death of Mrytle Warren, who was a Muggle-born student.

While he was searching for different kinds of dark magic, he discovered something called "Horcrux". A Horcrux was an object in which a Dark wizard or witch had hidden a detached fragment of his or her soul to become immortal. As long as the receptacle remained intact, so too did the soul fragment inside it, keeping the maker anchored to the world of the living, even if their body suffered fatal damage. The Horcrux was considered to be by far the most terrible of all Dark Magic. Horcruxes could only be created after committing murder, the most supreme act of evil, as a means to tear the soul. The process for the creation of a Horcrux involved a spell, and a horrific act of some sort was performed soon after the murder had been committed.

After his Hogwarts years, Tom spent several years as a purchasing agent for the Dark artefacts shop Borgin and Burkes before disappearing. Splitting his own spirit into a total of eight fragments, Tom created an unprecedented seven Horcruxes, with one made later in his life, unintentionally and without his knowledge, Harry Potter.

"You see? It was a name I was already using at Hogwarts, to my most intimate friends only, of course. You think I was going to use my filthy Muggle father's name forever? I, in whose veins runs the blood of Salazar Slytherin himself, through my mother's side? I, keep the name of a foul, common Muggle, who abandoned me even before I was born, just because he found out his wife was a witch? No, Harry — I fashioned myself a new name, a name I knew wizards everywhere would one day fear to speak, when I had become the greatest sorcerer in the world!"

First Steps of the First Wizarding War

It was in this charged climate that in 1970, Voldemort revealed himself openly, proclaiming himself the Dark Lord, and started to commit extreme acts of terrorism in Britain. With his army of dark wizards and dark creatures at his command, Voldemort launched an assault against the British Ministry of Magic with the intention of toppling it and creating a new world order run by pure-bloods, with Muggle-borns either killed *en masse* or kept in utter bondage, and Lord Voldemort himself as an immortal leader, though likely ruling from behind the scenes. To achieve these goals, the Death Eaters and their allies - including the particularly destructive giants, whom Voldemort frequently used to create fear and destruction - began carrying out attacks on Muggles to spread chaos and terror.

Cleaning up these attacks, healing survivors, modifying memories, searching for the perpetrators, and attempting to prevent future attacks occupied more and more of the Ministry's time and attention. As their confidence grew, the Death Eaters began targeting Muggle-born and blood traitor witches and wizards as well, torturing and sometimes killing their victims, which shocked wizarding society. Other "inferior" magical beings such as house-elves (who were treated like vermin) and Goblins (a family of which was slaughtered by Voldemort personally) also suffered under their reign of terror, albeit for different reasons. With terror spreading, certain wizards and witches that committed alleged "blood treachery" by marrying members of the Muggle community were forced to leave their families in the non-magical world in desperate and courageous attempts to protect these loved ones from repercussions by the Dark Lord. Hazel's favorite character is Sirius Black. To inspire yet more terror, the Death Eaters would cast the Dark Mark in the sky over every house or scene that they killed at. Though they did not openly join the Death Eaters, many pure-blood supremacists, whose fear of their way of life ending had already been blossoming with the election of a Muggle-born Minister for Magic, gave Voldemort's uprising and the Death Eaters ideals of a new world order centred around the purity of magical blood their full support.

Many Death Eaters also managed to secretly gain strategic positions within the Ministry of Magic itself. They then used blackmail and the Imperius Curse to expand their influence and destabilise the government from within, which was desperately trying to keep order and continue to maintain secrecy from the Muggle world.



Despite the Order's best efforts, Voldemort continued to grow in magical power and influence, and his attacks, whether carried out personally or by his Death Eaters, became more frequent and brutal. It was clear that Dumbledore was the only wizard in the world who rivalled Voldemort in ability and as a result, Hogwarts became something of a single island of safety in a sea of chaos, the fear of Dumbledore causing Voldemort to never dare attack the school. The nascent Order of the Phoenix initially had very little success, and many continued to be killed by Voldemort. Terror and chaos gripped the populace of wizarding Britain to the point that many began to fear to speak Voldemort's name. He became widely referred to as "He Who Must Not Be Named", or, less formally, "You Know Who" within the first year of his reign.

Numerous ordinary witches and wizards lost their lives for refusing to join the Dark Lord or even accidental involvement in the crossfire, and the Death Eaters frequently cast the Dark Mark over the scenes of their murders. To protect the organisation, Voldemort ensured that Death Eaters did not know the identities of too many of their fellows, and, to society at large, their identities were completely unknown.^[15] Increasing the confusion and paranoia even further, Voldemort placed many dozens of innocent victims under the Imperius Curse simultaneously and forced them to carry out his orders and several of his followers became specialists in this area. Even friends and family members were not above suspicion of one another.

In 1978, Severus Snape graduated from Hogwarts and entered the ranks of the Death Eaters, joining his schoolmates Evan Rosier, Lucius Malfoy, Bellatrix Lestrange, Sewlyn, Jerome Jugson, Jugson, Regulus Black, Rodolphus Lestrange, Rabastan Lestrange, Thorfinn Rowle, Gibbon, Augustus Rookwood, Igor Karkaroff, Crabbe, Goyle, Travers, and Antonin Dolohov. Likely at Snape's urging, Voldemort attempted to recruit Lily Evans, whose prodigious talents made up for her status as a Muggle-born, along with her blood traitor boyfriend James Potter and his childhood friends Sirius Black, Remus Lupin, and Peter Pettigrew. Naturally, they all refused, defying Voldemort for the very first time (a fact that earned them the Dark Lord's grudging admiration), and James and Lily were soon married and joined the Order of the Phoenix along with their other friends.

The Prophecy

"The one with the power to vanquish the Dark Lord approaches... born to those who have thrice defied him, born as the seventh month dies... and the Dark Lord will mark him as his equal, but he will have power the Dark Lord knows not... and either must die at the hand of the other for neither can live while the other survives..."

During the worst days of the war, in late 1980; James and Lily Potter lived in Godric's Hollow, England with their son, Harry. The family had been asked to go into hiding by Professor Dumbledore himself, as they knew they were definitely on Voldemort's radar as hated enemies. James then lent his family heirloom Invisibility Cloak to Dumbledore, who was curious about its properties. Around this time, Dumbledore met with Sybill Trelawney at the Hog's Head Inn in Hogsmeade regarding the vacant position of Divination teacher. During the interview, Trelawney entered into a magical trance and made a real prophecy: in which she foretold the futuristic coming of a young wizard who would not only become Voldemort's equal; but would finish The Dark Lord for good, due to this individual having strength, power, courage, will, purity of heart, and most of all: a deep love that would not only surpass those of Lord Voldemort, but of Albus Dumbledore himself.

There were two possible candidates, both born in July of 1980 to members of the Order of the Phoenix who had thrice defied the Dark Lord: Harry Potter and Neville Longbottom. Severus Snape was also secretly at the inn, and managed to overhear only part of the prophecy before being discovered and thrown out by the inn's keeper, who was secretly Order member Aberforth Dumbledore, Dumbledore's younger brother. Snape then immediately reported what he had heard to Voldemort, who became so fearful and was greatly concerned over the information. Voldemort then immediately assumed that it meant the Potters' son (a half-blood like himself) and resolved to personally kill the infant at any cost whatsoever. Dumbledore then hired Trelawney so that she would be safe from Voldemort and his Death Eaters.

Complicating Voldemort's plan, Snape secretly harboured a deep everlasting love for Lily Potter, since the two had been friends since childhood; so great enough that he covertly defected to the Order of the Phoenix after he secretly told Dumbledore that Voldemort had marked her and her family for death, begging the legendary wizard to hide and protect the family from Voldemort at all costs. Dumbledore agreed, and urgently bade the Potters to go into hiding under the protection of the Fidelius Charm. While James and Lily wanted Sirius Black to be their Secret Keeper, because he was their closest and most trusted friend, and the fact the Sirius had been made Harry's godfather; it was for exactly those reasons that Black claimed that he was too obvious a choice and that Voldemort would suspect him.

Instead, he suggested Peter Pettigrew, an ordinary wizard who no one would ever expect. Thus, the real traitor became the Potters' Secret Keeper, though no one (not even Dumbledore or Lupin) knew of the switch, and within a week Pettigrew told his master Voldemort the Potters' location, officially breaking the Fidelius Charm and leaving the Potters completely

vulnerable. Meanwhile, Dumbledore discovered that James's Invisibility Cloak was in fact the Cloak of Invisibility, the third of the legendary Deathly Hallows.

On 31 October 1981, Voldemort travelled to the Potters residence in Godric's Hollow. He then casually and secretly entered their house, and instantly and swiftly murdered James with the Killing Curse, who was unarmed, but he offered Lily a chance to save herself if she stepped away from the crib containing her infant son. Voldemort wished to honour Snape's request to spare Lily, but Lily refused and when Voldemort became agitated and angry, he gave her one last warning to move aside. Lily still refused, thus, Voldemort murdered her as well with the Killing Curse. He then turned his wand on Harry.

However, Lily's loving sacrifice gave Harry an ancient and unbelievably powerful magical protection (an ancient counter-charm rooted in the power of love); and when Voldemort attempted to kill Harry with the Killing Curse, the curse rebounded and was deflected upon Voldemort himself.

The Boy Who Lived

The only child and son of James and Lily Potter, Harry's birth was overshadowed by a prophecy, naming either himself or Neville Longbottom as the one with the power to vanquish his arch-enemy, Lord Voldemort, the most powerful and feared Dark wizard in the world. After half of the prophecy was reported to Voldemort, courtesy of Severus Snape, Harry was chosen as the target due to his many similarities with the Dark Lord. This in turn caused the Potter family to go into hiding.



Voldemort made his first attempt to circumvent the prophecy when Harry was a year and three months old. During this attempt, he murdered Harry's parents as they tried to protect him, but this unsuccessful attempt to kill Harry led to Voldemort's first downfall. This downfall marked the end of the First Wizarding War, and to Harry henceforth being known as "The Boy Who Lived", as he was the only known survivor of the Killing Curse due to being magically protected by his mother's loving sacrifice. In accordance with the terms of the prophecy, this attempt on his life also established him, not Neville, as Voldemort's nemesis.

On his eleventh birthday, Harry learned from Rubeus Hagrid that he was a wizard. Harry began attending Hogwarts in 1991. The Sorting Hat told Harry that he would do well in Slytherin House, but Harry pleaded "*not Slytherin*". The Hat heeded this plea and sorted the young wizard into Gryffindor House. At school, Harry became best friends with Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger.

With his friends, Harry made many achievements during his Hogwarts years.

In their first year, the trio soon discovered that a legendary object, the Sorcerer's Stone, which grants immortality, is hidden within the castle. Suspecting Professor Snape of trying to steal it for Voldemort, they navigate a series of dangerous magical traps to protect it.

In the final confrontation, Harry discovers the true villain is the unassuming Professor Quirrell, possessed by Voldemort. Due to his mother's lingering protective sacrifice, Harry's touch burns Quirrell, forcing Voldemort's spirit to flee. Harry secures the Stone, Gryffindor wins the House Cup, and he returns home for the summer, forever changed.

In his second year, he is warned by a house-elf named Dobby not to return to Hogwarts. Ignoring the threat, Harry arrives to find the school in terror as students are found "petrified." Legend says the Chamber of Secrets has been reopened by the Heir of Slytherin, releasing a monster to purge the school of non-magical-born students.

Suspicion falls on Harry when it is revealed he can speak Parseltongue. However, with Ron and Hermione's help, he discovers a sentient diary belonging to Tom Riddle. When Ginny Weasley is dragged into the Chamber, Harry finds the entrance and faces Riddle.

With the aid of Dumbledore's phoenix and the Sword of Gryffindor, Harry slays the Basilisk, a giant serpent. He destroys the diary with a basilisk fang, defeating Riddle's memory. Harry saves Ginny, clears Hagrid's name, and secures Dobby's freedom.

Harry's third year is dominated by the escape of Sirius Black, a notorious mass murderer believed to be Lord Voldemort's right-hand man. To protect the school, Hogwarts is guarded by Dementors, soul-sucking creatures that deeply affect Harry by forcing him to relive his parents' deaths.

Under the guidance of the new Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher, Remus Lupin, Harry learns the Patronus Charm to defend himself. He eventually discovers that Black is not a villain, but his innocent godfather, framed by the true traitor: Ron's pet rat, Scabbers, who is actually the wizard Peter Pettigrew in disguise.

Using a Time-Turner, Harry and Hermione travel back in time to save Sirius and a hippogriff named Buckbeak from execution. Although Pettigrew escapes, Harry successfully rescues Sirius, finally finding a connection to his parents and a newfound sense of hope.

In the fourth year, Hogwarts hosts the Triwizard Tournament, a dangerous competition between three magic schools. Although underage, Harry's name is mysteriously pulled from the Goblet, forcing him to compete alongside Cedric Diggory. Harry survives dragons, merpeople, and a shifting maze, but the tournament takes a dark turn.

Upon touching the winner's trophy Harry and Cedric are transported to a graveyard. There, Peter Pettigrew murders Cedric and uses Harry's blood in a ritual to restore Lord Voldemort

to a physical body. After a harrowing duel where their wands connect through *Priori Incantatem*, Harry manages to escape back to Hogwarts with Cedric's body.

The mystery unravels as it's revealed that Professor "Mad-Eye" Moody was actually Barty Crouch Jr. in disguise, orchestrating Harry's participation. Though the wizarding world remains in denial, the Second Wizarding War has officially begun.

In his 5th year, the Ministry of Magic refuses to believe Voldemort has returned, launching a smear campaign against Harry and Dumbledore. The Ministry installs Dolores Umbridge at Hogwarts, who refuses to teach practical defense. In response, Harry forms Dumbledore's Army to secretly train students for the coming war.

Harry is plagued by visions from Voldemort's mind, eventually seeing his godfather, Sirius Black, being tortured at the Ministry of Magic. Harry and his friends rush to save him, only to realize it was a trap to retrieve a prophecy regarding Harry and Voldemort.

A fierce battle erupts between the Order and Death Eaters, during which Bellatrix Lestrange kills Sirius. Dumbledore arrives to duel Voldemort, finally forcing the Ministry to admit the truth. Harry learns the prophecy's core: neither can live while the other survives, setting the stage for their final conflict.

In *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, the wizarding world is at war. Dumbledore begins mentoring Harry privately, using the Pensieve to view memories of Voldemort's past. They discover Voldemort achieved immortality by splitting his soul into Horcruxes. Harry, meanwhile, excels in Potions using an old textbook annotated by the mysterious "Half-Blood Prince."

The climax occurs after Harry and a weakened Dumbledore return from a grueling mission to retrieve a Horcrux. They arrive at the Astronomy Tower to find it infiltrated by Death Eaters. Draco Malfoy, tasked by Voldemort to kill the Headmaster, corners a disarmed Dumbledore but hesitates, unable to commit murder.

To Harry's horror, Severus Snape arrives and performs the Killing Curse himself, sending Dumbledore falling from the tower. As Snape flees, he reveals he is the "Half-Blood Prince." This devastating betrayal leaves the wizarding world without its greatest protector, forcing Harry to abandon his final year of school to hunt the remaining Horcruxes alone.

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