

Harry Potter II D (Chs.12-14): Discussion Questions

A. WHO? (Characters)

1. How often do Hagrid and Ginny appear in this section? What new do we learn about them? Do we still see them as friends of the hero?
2. Where and when do we meet Cornelius Fudge in these chapter? Who is he and how is he presented? Who else from outside Hogwarts enters the school grounds in these chapters?

B. WHERE? (Places)

3. In these chapters how many scenes take place in the Headmaster's office? When? Who else is there? What happens? Why is it important?
4. In the novel so far how many scenes have taken place in Hagrid's hut? When? Who else is there? What happens? Why is it important?

C. WHEN? (Times)

5. Where is Christmas mentioned in these chapters? How is it described and what significance does it have?
6. What other annual festivals are mentioned? How are they presented? What other indications are there of the passage of time in these chapters?

D. WHAT? (Events)

7. What is the 'Polyjuice Potion'? Who makes it? Where? Why and with what result?
8. What is the 'Very Secret Diary'? When and where is it found in these chapters? When and where is it lost again?

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### E. HOW? (Style and Tone)

9. What happens at the end of Chapter 13? Are these events memories, or fantasies, or dreams, or . . . ?
10. Think of the names of people and places in the story. Which ones are 'ordinary' names and which ones 'extraordinary'? What might the extraordinary ones mean?

### F. WHY? (Context and Theme)

11. When in these chapters is Harry shown to have a choice about what to do? What does he actually decide to do? Why? How important are *moral* questions generally in this story?
12. How often are relations between males and females focussed on in these chapters? How are romantic and sexual feelings presented in the story?