









Magical Houses



In JK Rowling's wizard stories, there are schools of witchcraft and wizardry all over the world. In Hogwarts (Britain) and Ilvermorny (America), the boarding school pupils are sorted into houses, according to their attributes and enthusiasms.

Hogwarts Houses & Characteristics		Ilvermorny Houses & Characteristics	
	<p>Gryffindor - FIRE</p> <p>Values bravery, daring, nerve, and chivalry. Often self-righteous, quick to anger, and reckless. You have to know a password to get into the common room.</p>		<p>Horned Serpent</p> <p>House of scholars. This magical snake – which is good at sensing danger – represents the mind of a witch or wizard.</p>
	<p>Hufflepuff - EARTH</p> <p>Values hard work, patience, dedication, loyalty, kindness, modesty and fair play. Often good gardeners. You must tap the right barrels to get into the common room.</p>		<p>Wampus</p> <p>House of warriors. This magical cat - its eyes can hypnotise and read your mind - represents the body of a witch or wizard.</p>
	<p>Ravenclaw - AIR</p> <p>Values intelligence, wisdom, knowledge, and wit. Often very academic. You must answer a riddle to get into the common room.</p>		<p>Thunderbird</p> <p>House of adventurers. This intelligent bird – which creates storms and senses danger – represents the soul of a witch or wizard.</p>
	<p>Slytherin - WATER</p> <p>Values ambition, cunning, self-preservation, strength and resourcefulness. Often sneaky. You have to know a password to get into the common room.</p>		<p>Pukwudgie</p> <p>House of healers. This goblin-like hunter is obstinate & funny & loyal, and represents the heart of a witch or wizard.</p>

Which of the school houses would you be in, in both Britain and America? Why?

Which of the school houses would different fictional characters be in, and why?

The audience will laugh if they are surprised, so think about some unlikely characters to put into the wizarding world (maybe they're cartoons, made of plasticine, or are action heroes).

Be specific in your details too, thinking about how each character would survive in some of Harry's lessons, or if they were caught up in some of his adventures.

Which of the school houses would different celebrities be in, and why? Think about all sorts of people for this, from entertainment and sports stars to politicians and royalty.

Again, it is incongruous and unlikely to picture the likes of the Prime Minister going to magic school, and therefore thinking about it should really tickle your listeners.

If you were to set up your own house system, with four different creatures/items as the symbols, what would they be? And what would they represent?