



Discussion Questions

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince by J.K. Rowling

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1. What role does Quidditch play in Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince?
2. Why does Horace Slughorn insist on surrounding himself with potentially influential young wizards? What does he stand to gain from these relationships?
3. What lies ahead for Hogwarts? Do you think the school should reopen or remain closed?
4. Why does Rufus Scrimgeour call Harry "Dumbledore's man, through and through"?
5. Why do Ginny, Hermione, and Mrs. Weasley dislike Fleur? How does she prove them wrong?
6. Why is Harry happy to be at the burrow?
7. Who is the more threatening, Harry or Narcissa (Draco's mother)? Does Harry have a problem with authority figures?
8. Regarding the inscription on the used copy of the Advanced Potions textbook Slughorn assigned to Harry, who is the Prince? What else did he write in the textbook?
9. From the missing memory that Harry retrieved, Slughorn defines "Horcrux" for Riddle. Why did Riddle want to know how to make one? Did he only make one?