THE SOCIAL PROBLEMS



WIZARDS VS

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MUGGLE

A **Muggle** - is a person who is born to two non-magical parents and is incapable of performing magic.



The Muggle Dursley family, who despised magic

MUGGLE



Muggles Mr and Mrs Granger with wizard Arthur Weasley in Diagon Alley

WIZARDS

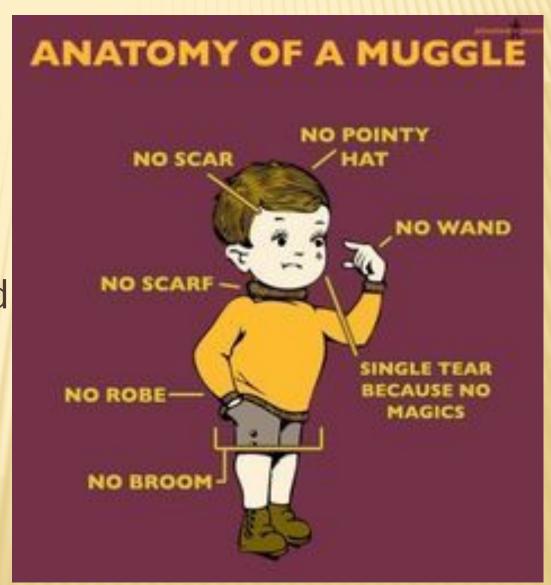
Wizardkind are huma ns that are born with the ability to perform magic.





MUGGLE INVENTIONS

- Electricity
- Telephone
- Rubber duck
- Video Games
- Television
- The Underground
- Escalators
- Bus stops
- Firearms



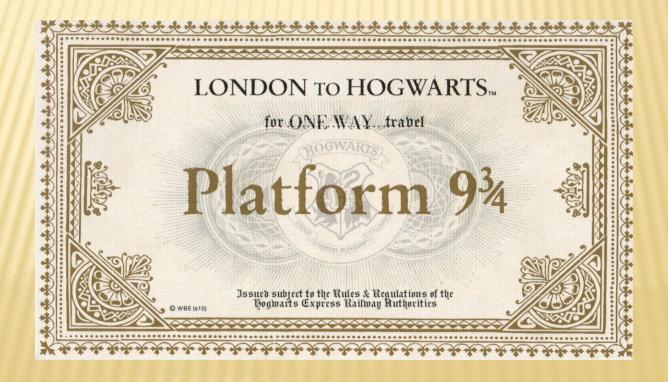
- Problem: Finding a piece of obscure information.
- What a wizard has to do: Spend hours and hours in the library rifling through hundreds of books.
- What a muggle would do: Use google.

- Problem: Needing to contact someone very quickly, or in secret.
- What a wizard has to do: Learn how to produce the complicated Patronous charm, an OWL level spell. Aquire some Floo powder and a fireplace before STICKING HEAD IN AN ACTUAL FIRE.
- What a muggle would do: Send a text message.

- Problem: Being hungry.
- What a wizard has to do: Make a meal from scratch. Wait for the House Elves to make a meal from scratch.
- What a muggle would do: Pop down the local Tesco for a microwave meal.

- Problem: Getting to Hogwarts.
- What a wizard has to do: Get a steam train. A really old steam train that takes ALL. DAY.
- What a muggle would do: Hop on a plane. Or a modern train that uses that thing called electricity. (At least we think modern 'muggle' trains use electricity. We're not really sure. Whatever, they're faster.)

SEE? Who'd want to be a wizard, eh? OK yeah, still us. We still want to go to Hogwarts. WHY DIDN'T WE GET TO GO TO HOGWARTS? Sigh.





Blood status: pure-bloods;half-bloods and mudbloods



PURE-BLOODS

Hagrid: "See, the thing is, Harry, there're some wizards, like the **Malfoy family**, who think they're better'n everyone else because they're what people call 'pure-blood'."

Harry Potter: "That's horrible!"

Hagrid: "And it's codswallop, to boot. 'Dirty blood.' Why, there isn't a wizard alive today that's not half-blood or less."



Rubeus Hagrid and Harry Potter discussing blood purity



Dure-bloods are wizards and witches with a family tree <u>devoid</u> of **Muggle** members, or at least, they have convinced themselves of this by removing any non-pure-bloods from their family trees.

Many pure-bloods consider themselves to be akin to **royalty** in the wizarding world, or at the very least the elite.



The pure-blood Malfoy family believes in blood supremacy.

To maintain their "pure-blood pedigree", families such as the <u>House of Black</u> and the <u>House of Gaunt</u> have practised **inbreeding**, accounting for the mental instability of certain family members.

Inbreeding can cause mental disorders, which can possibly be the reason for both **Bellatrix Lestrange** and **Tom Riddle**'s sadistic personalities. They are known for their psychopathic tendencies and inability to feel compassion towards others whom they regard as inferior



Bellatrix Lestrange and Tom Riddle



"You place too much importance, and you always have done, on the so-called purity of blood! You fail to recognise that it matters not what someone is born, but what they grow to be!"

—Albus Dumbledore's stance on blood status

HALF-BLOODS AND MUDBLOODS





Half-Blood

"Most wizards these days are half-blood anyway. If we hadn't married Muggles we'd've died out."

Ron Weasley regarding the wizarding population

Wizards with families split between Muggles and wizards are referred to as half-bloods.

Half-Blood

The children of Harry and Ginny Potter are considered half-bloods because although Ginny is pure-blood, Harry's parentage is — pure-blood father, Muggle-born mother.

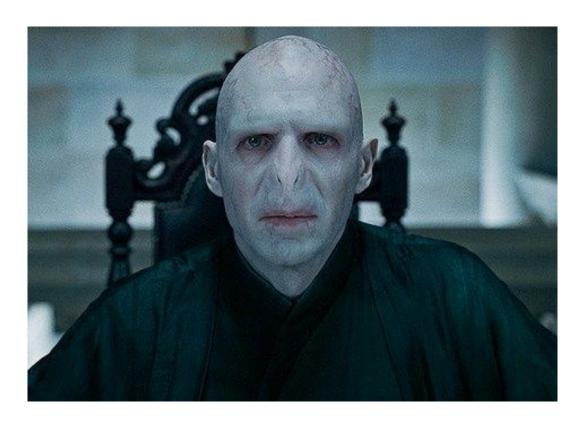
SEVERUS SNAPE



Half-Blood

his self-entitled nickname was "Half-Blood Prince" because his mother, Eileen Prince, was a pure-blood witch and his father, Tobias Snape, was a Muggle.

LORD VOLDEMORT



Half-Blood

Lord Voldemort hated Muggles and Muggle-borns, despite having a Muggle father, and denied his half-Muggle heritage

REMUS LUPIN



Half-Blood

Lyall Lupin, was a witch and his father, Hope Howell, was a Muggle.

MUDBLOOD



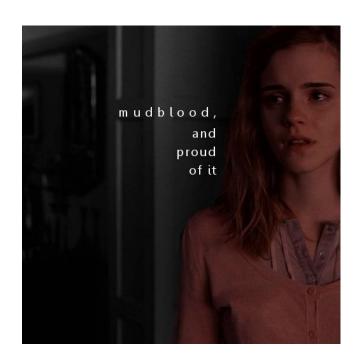
"Mudblood's a really foul name for someone who is Muggle-born — you know, non-magic parents. There are some wizards — like Malfoy's family — who think they're better than everyone else because they're what people call pure-blood."

—Hagrid explaining the term to Harry Potter and Hermione Granger

There are apparently other, less commonly used terms with a similar meaning, such as "creature of dirt" It is a really offending term, for people can't help being Muggle-born.

HERMIONE GRANGER

"No one asked your opinion, you filthy Mudblood."



—Draco Malfoy throws the slur at Hermione Granger in their second year





The term "Mudblood" is generally not used in polite society, as it is considered highly offensive and vulgar, on par with the racial epithets often heard in the Muggle world.





This was in line with Death Eater ideology being disseminated to the general public, which claimed that Muggle-borns were not "real" wizards and witches.

HARRY POTTER AND SOCIAL STRATIFICATION

<u>S</u>lavery



• "He yanked open the door, elf obediently ran after him, and the owner threw him out of office by a kick. Dobby yelped in pain and screamed until the end of the corridor."

The house elves

- Belonging to their owners
- Catering any of owners' whims



Caste

• The central theme of inequality of descent in the books is expressed through the Draco Malfoy's mouth.



- Squibs are treated with compassion
- You have something to do with magic, but do not know how to cast spell
- You are grudged by everyone who looks at you

- Malfoy
- Longbottom
- Weasley

Estate



Ranks

• ...others have some time to make a fraud on their own, as do the brothers Fred and George Weasley

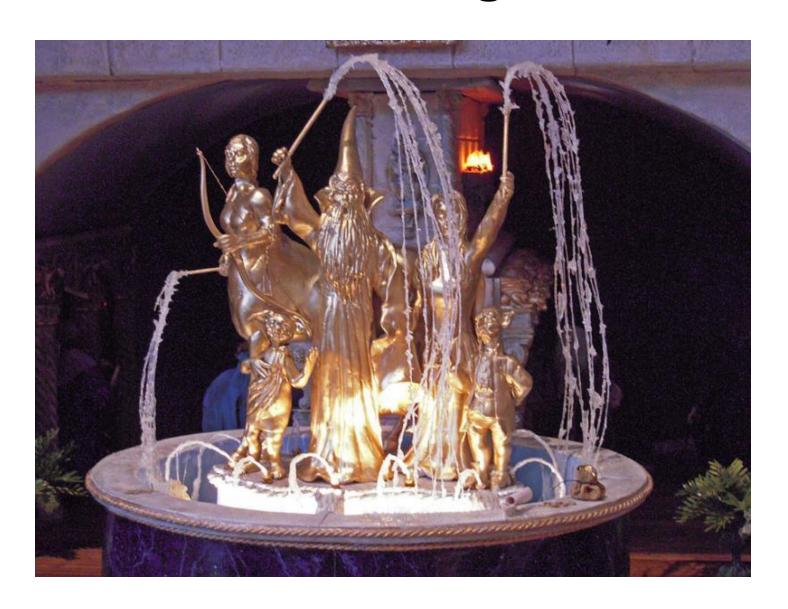


Questions

- Name two main features of the house elves
- Which castes are shown in "Harry Potter"?
- Why does Weasely family considered to be prestigious?
- Where does Potter take money?
- How do you think, are there really disparities among the heroes of the "Harry Potter?

The Issues of the Inequality of Non-Human Magical Creatures

The Fountain of Magical Brethren



The Catalogue of the Magical Creatures

- Beings
 (Goblins, vampires, hags, giants, house-el ves, veela, werewolves)
- Beasts (do not possess human intelligence. Exceptions: the Centaurs, The Merfolk, Acromantulas)
- Spirits (Ghosts)

House-Elves

- Mistreated throughout the history
- Brainwashed to believe they are inferior
- Don't seem to want freedom



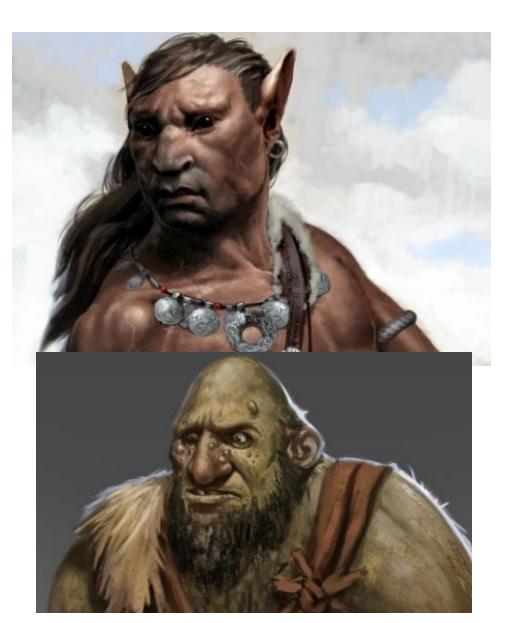
Goblins

- Resist wizards' suggested superiority
- Control the wizarding economy
- Have a Goblin Liaison office in the Ministry of Magic
- Excluded from the decision making vital to Wizarding world
- Denied the right to use wands
- Prejudiced against wizards



Centaurs and Giants

- Capable of using magic
- Have their own language, culture, and societal structure
- Forcefully secluded from Wizarding Community
- Centaurs view themselves as superior beings



The Issue within the Wizard Society

- The discriminative laws against non-wizards
- The all-round acceptance of the human-wizard superiority propaganda
- The lack of protest from the oppressed groups (e.g. werewolves, half-giants)



KEEP CALM AND LOVE **HARRY POTTER**