

# Book Club Focus Assessment and Rubric

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Making Inferences** **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**  
Book Club Focus Assessment

**Directions:** Read each of the following passages from *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* and select the inference you would draw from it.

*"You must be Harry's family!" said Mrs. Weasley. "In a manner of speaking," said Uncle Vernon. "Hurry up, boy, we haven't got all day." He walked away. "Hope you have-er- a good holiday," said Hermione, looking uncertainly after Uncle Vernon.*

(A) Mrs. Weasley is nosy  
(B) Uncle Vernon is friendly  
(C) Hermione is rude  
(D) Uncle Vernon is unpleasant

*"There are all kinds of courage, said Dumbledore, smiling. "It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends. I therefore award ten points to Mr. Neville Longbottom."*

(A) Neville was right to stand up to Harry and try to prevent him from going out.  
(B) Neville should only fight his enemies, not his friends.  
(C) Neville shouldn't have asked Harry to go ahead and hit him.  
(D) None of the above.

*Quirrell says, "There is no good and evil, there is only power, and those who seek it."*

(A) Voldemort has convinced him seeking power is a good thing.  
(B) Voldemort is evil but doesn't want him to know it.  
(C) Quirrell is weak and doesn't want power.  
(D) Power is the most important thing in the world.

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## Focus Assessment for Making Inferences

**Answer Key** **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**  
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*"Typical," said Harry darkly. "Just what I always wanted. To make a fool of myself on a broomstick in front of Malfoy."*

(A) Harry wants to compete with Malfoy.  
(B) Harry doesn't want Gryffindors and Slytherins to have flying lessons together because he doesn't know how to fly at all.  
(C) Harry thinks he will outdo Malfoy, so flying together is just what he wants.  
(D) None of the above.

*"It is a monstrous thing to slay a unicorn."*

(A) Unicorns are monsters.  
(B) If you kill a unicorn you will die.  
(C) Unicorns are pure and defenseless so it is bad to kill them.  
(D) Unicorns can easily kill monsters and give them life everlasting.

*"Voldemort didn't realize that love as powerful as your mother's love for you leaves its own mark."*

(A) Harry's lightning bolt scar is really from his mother, not Voldemort.  
(B) Harry's mother loved him so much she scarred him.  
(C) Harry's mother loved him so much, even though she is gone, she protects him forever.  
(D) Harry is good.

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## Answer Key

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**CCSS Reading Literary Text Standard 5.1**  
Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences; cite specific textual evidence to support conclusions drawn from the text.

Levels	Beginning	Developing	Proficient	Secure
Correct Answers	0 – 1 Correct	2 – 3 Correct	4 – 5 Correct	6 Correct
Specific Skill: Quote the text when drawing inferences	Was <b>not able</b> to or is <b>beginning</b> to find evidence in the text for conclusions drawn.	Is able to show evidence from the text when making inferences <b>some</b> of the time.	Is able to show how specific details in the text support inferences <b>most</b> of the time.	Is able to show how specific details in the text support inferences <b>all</b> of the time.

**If student is less than secure, he or she needs to work on the following:**

- ☐ Identifying details and examples in the text
- ☐ Citing specific examples to support understanding of character motivation
- ☐ Making predictions about plot

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## Rubric with Optional Common Core Alignment