



Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone - Narrative Writing Knowledge Organiser

Harry Potter is seemingly a normal eleven-year-old boy who lives with his horrid Uncle Vernon and Aunt Petunia and their spoilt son, Dudley. His life is miserable until one day he receives a letter inviting him to attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Despite the best efforts of his adoptive carers, he joins the school as a first year wizard. Unknowingly, Harry is somewhat of a celebrity of the wizarding world as he is the only known survivor from one of evil Lord Voldemort's vicious attacks. Being one of the most talked about pupil in Hogwarts history, Harry encounters more than his fair share of troubles in his first year. It doesn't take him too long to start unearthing some of the secrets of Hogwarts..

Key Information

Plot - a magical beast is causing problems at the school and some young, first year witches and wizards attempt to prevent danger to the rest of the school

Setting - a dark, mysterious corridor, a forbidden and unnerving forest, an eerie and uninhabited castle

Style of writing - suspense, build-up of tension, adding layers of mystery and intrigue before a reveal of what is putting the school in danger

Features of Narrative Writing

- A variety of sentence structures (use of subordinate clauses, relative clauses, fronted adverbials)
- Characterisation - how the author uses character's personalities to progress the story
- Dialogue - use of speech to progress the story
- Descriptive features (personification, similes and metaphors)