



Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

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Fantasy

The Tale of Three Brothers

There were once three brothers who were travelling along a lonely, winding road at twilight.

In time, the brothers reached a river too deep to wade through and too dangerous to swim across. However, these brothers were learned in the magical arts, and so they simply waved their wands and made a bridge appear across the treacherous water. They were halfway across it when they found their _____ (1) blocked by a hooded figure.

And Death spoke to them.

He was angry that he had been cheated out of three new victims, for travellers usually drowned in the river. But Death was _____ (2). He pretended to congratulate the three brothers upon their magic, and said that each had earned a prize for having been clever enough to evade him.

So the oldest brother, who was a combative man, asked for a wand more powerful than any in existence: a wand that must always win _____ (3) for its owner, a wand worthy of a wizard who had conquered Death! So Death crossed to an elder tree on the banks of the river, fashioned a wand from a branch that hung there, and gave it to the older brother.

Then the second brother, who was an arrogant man, decided that he wanted to humiliate Death still further, and asked for the power to _____ (4) others from Death. So Death picked up a stone from the riverbank and gave it to the second brother, and told him that the stone would have the power to bring back the dead.

And then Death asked the third and youngest brother what he would like. The youngest brother was the humblest and also the wisest of the brothers, and he did not _____ (5) Death. So he asked for something that would enable him to go forth from that place without being followed by Death. And Death, most unwillingly, handed over his own Cloak of Invisibility.

Then Death stood aside and allowed the three brothers to continue on their way, and they did so, talking with wonder of the _____ (6) they had had, and admiring Death's gifts.

In due course the brothers separated, each for his own destination.

The first brother travelled on for a week or more, and reaching a distant village, sought out a fellow wizard with whom he had a quarrel. Naturally, with the Elder Wand as his weapon, he could not fail to

win the duel that followed. Leaving his enemy dead upon the floor, the oldest brother proceeded to an inn, where he boasted _____ (7) of the powerful wand he had snatched from Death himself, and of how it made him invincible.

That very night, another wizard crept upon the older brother as he lay wine sodden, upon his bed. The thief took the wand and, for good measure, slit the oldest brother's throat.

And so Death took the first brother for his own.

Meanwhile, the second brother journeyed to his own home, where he lived alone. Here he took out the stone that had the power to recall the dead, and he turned it thrice in his hand. To his amazement and his _____ (8), the figure of the girl he had once hoped to marry, before her untimely death, appeared at once before him.

Yet she was sad and cold, separated from him as by a veil. Though she had returned to the mortal world, she did not truly belong there and _____ (9). Finally the second brother, driven mad with hopeless longing, killed himself so as truly to join her.

And so Death took the second brother for his own.

But though Death searched for the third brother for many years, he was never able to find him. It was only when he attained a great age that the youngest brother finally took off the Cloak of Invisibility and gave it to his son. And then he _____ (10) Death as an old friend, and went with him gladly, and, equals, they departed this life."

1 READ THE TEXT AND CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD TO COMPLETE THE GAPS. ____/10

PATH – LOUDLY – ADVENTURE – CUNNING – SUFFERED – RECALL – DUELS – DELIGHT – TRUST – GREETED

2 MATCH THE WORD TO ITS DEFINITION. ____/9

1) ____	twilight
2) ____	treacherous
3) ____	depart
4) ____	invincible
5) ____	destination
6) ____	riverbank
7) ____	winding
8) ____	thrice
9) ____	arrogant

a)	the place where someone is going
b)	the bank of a river
c)	the period just before it becomes completely dark in the evening
d)	a path/road, etc that bends a lot and is not straight
e)	leave
f)	too strong to be defeated or changed
g)	very dangerous, especially because of bad weather conditions
h)	behaving in a proud, unpleasant way, as if you are more important than other people
i)	three times

3 ORDER THE EVENTS.

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When they were halfway across the river, they saw a hooded figure. <input type="checkbox"/>	The second brother asked for the power to bring back the dead and Death gave him the stone with that power. <input type="checkbox"/>	The three brothers departed and, afterwards, went their separate ways. <input type="checkbox"/>	The youngest brother stayed hidden under his Cloak so Death couldn't find him. When he became a very old man, he took off the Cloak and greeted Death as an old friend. <input type="checkbox"/>
Three brothers were travelling together when they came to a river. <input type="checkbox"/>	Death was angry for losing three potential victims but pretended to be impressed by them and granted each brother a wish as a reward. <input type="checkbox"/>	The river was too deep and too dangerous so they made a bridge using magic. <input type="checkbox"/>	The youngest brother asked for something that would let him leave that place without being followed by Death and Death unwillingly gave him his own Cloak of Invisibility. <input type="checkbox"/>
The oldest brother asked for a wand that would always win duels, and Death made one out of an elder tree branch. <input type="checkbox"/>	The second brother used the stone to bring back his girlfriend. However, she wasn't fully alive and she suffered. So he killed himself to join her. <input type="checkbox"/>	The oldest brother was killed in his sleep by a thief after he boasted about his wand. <input type="checkbox"/>	

4 READ THE TEXT AND MARK THE SENTENCES AS **T** (TRUE), **F** (FALSE) OR **DS** (DOESN'T SAY).

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- ☐ The brothers were travelling at midnight.
- ☐ Their names were Cadmus, Antioch and Ignotus Peverell.
- ☐ The brothers were able to swim across the river.
- ☐ Death was wearing a hat.
- ☐ Death pretended to congratulate them and offered them each a prize.
- ☐ The oldest brother was a combative man.
- ☐ Death made a wand from an ash tree.
- ☐ The second brother was wise and humble.
- ☐ The youngest brother was tall and slim.
- ☐ The only brother who didn't die until he got old was the youngest.

5 ABOUT THE STORY.

The title of the story:

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The title of the book:

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The author of the book is:

..... /1

Genre (tick the correct answer/s):

- ☐ Biography
- ☐ Fantasy
- ☐ Historical
- ☐ Fable
- ☐ Folk or fairy tale

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The main characters are:

..... /2

Other characters (name at least two):

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Setting – Where does the story take place? (name at least two places)

..... /2

The moral of the story (tick the correct answers):

- ☐ You can't avoid the inevitable.
- ☐ It's OK to be arrogant or aggressive because you will be successful when you grow up.
- ☐ You can cheat death.
- ☐ Stay humble and live your life to the fullest.

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