

Worksheet 1

The Real Mother of Harry Potter

The Power of Perseverance

We do not need magic to change the world, we carry all the power we need inside ourselves already: we all have the power to imagine something better.
(J.K Rowling)

It is clear that much of J.K Rowling's success stems from her fundamental belief in the power of **perseverance**, that is, persisting in a course of action in spite of difficulties or discouragement. Despite numerous knock-backs, her perseverance enabled her to become a successful writer, not to mention rich beyond her wildest dreams. Developing strong core values such as perseverance can enable us to also create success in our own lives.

Task 1: Choose ten or more values that personally appeal to you from the table below:

<i>confidence</i>	<i>loyalty</i>	<i>generosity</i>	<i>honesty</i>
<i>trust</i>	<i>compassion</i>	<i>ambition</i>	<i>commitment</i>
<i>education</i>	<i>forgiveness</i>	<i>courage</i>	<i>beauty</i>
<i>team work</i>	<i>respect</i>	<i>friendship</i>	<i>sportsmanship</i>
<i>responsibility</i>	<i>integrity</i>	<i>love</i>	<i>equality</i>

Task 2: Locate five inspirational quotes about each of your chosen values.

Task 3: Write each quote on a small card (using decorative handwriting such as calligraphy or a word processor). Place the cards in a decorated box labelled:

Quote of the Day

Task 4: Select one quote from the box each day to read and reflect on either at school or home. Share it with others discussing its meaning and how it can help motivate you in your daily life.

Extension Activities:

- Write a personal reflective piece about a time in your life when you persevered to achieve a goal.
- J.K Rowling said that she was a bit like Hermione – who was a 'caricature of me when I was eleven'. What is a caricature? Can you think of a book character that is a caricature of yourself? Write about this character and the similarities