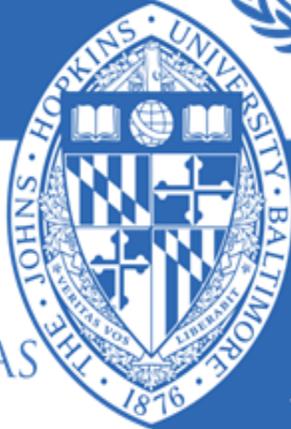


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Topic B: Mobilize protection for the vulnerable Muggle population and for other creatures that are friends of the Wizarding World

Committee Overview

War has consumed the Wizarding World. Since Voldemort's return, destruction and danger have run rampant throughout the world and no one is safe. Voldemort's army is a threat to every person, Muggle or magic, and it is up to the Order of Phoenix to put a stop to him and his sinister agents, the Death Eaters. The protection of both worlds rests squarely on the shoulders of the Order of the Phoenix, a secret team of wizards and witches dedicated to safeguarding the rights of Muggles and wizards alike and fighting against dark magic. As the Order of the Phoenix committee, you will be charged with making sure security measures are in place such that no Death Eater can infiltrate and steal Ministry secrets. In addition, the Order is tasked with making sure the Minister is performing at full capacity in order to protect the Wizarding World, which may require the passing of new, emergency legislation. As stated above, the Order must ensure the protection for the Muggle world as well as other magical creatures that are endangered by the dark forces in the Wizarding World. The Order of the Phoenix, while accounting for the safety of all, must also find a way to recruit able bodied wizards and magical creatures to aid in the fight against Voldemort and his army, as the Dark Lord's Army continues to grow in size and strength. It is up to the Order of the Phoenix to ensure the Wizarding and Muggle World does not fall into chaos and destruction. The fate of the world rests in your hands, good luck.

Parliamentary Procedure

For this committee, we will follow standard parliamentary procedure. We will remain in constant moderated caucus, unless a

delegate motions otherwise, and most actions will occur through the passing of directives. Directives and all other procedural matters will be passed with a simple majority.

This committee is a specialized crisis committee — this gives you the freedom to change how you want to run your committee. It would be preferred if the topics were discussed in a moderated caucus so the committee may move through them in an orderly fashion. With that said, unmoderated caucuses can be used fairly regularly if it will help the conversation move forward.

For those that are new to Crisis/Specialized, it is much more fast-paced than any of the GA committees. It will test how well you can adapt to presented situations. If something comes up during committee that you feel needs to be addressed, feel free to call a 'Point of Order' or a 'Point of Inquiry' to clarify anything — we will do our best to adequately answer your question. To make something happen, it is typically done through Directives. These are direct actions you send through Crisis Staff that you wish to implement. These are very open-ended, but it is in your best interest to be VERY specific in what you want. If your Directive needs to be voted on, it will be passed with a simple majority (50% of voting members +1 additional member). If you feel you need to address something outside of committee, try your best to communicate that to the Crisis Staff during the sessions. We will do our best to find you and help you with your situation.

Delegate Biographies

James Potter (Gryffindor)

James Potter was a pure-blood and the only son of Fleamont and Euphemia Potter, who earned a fortune creating magical Sleekeazy's Hair Potion. James was born in London and attended Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry from the years of 1971-1978 as a member of the Gryffindor House. It was there where he met the rest of the Mauraders and fellow Gryffindors, Remus Lupin, Sirius Black, and Peter Pettigrew. As part of the Mauraders, Potter helped develop the Maurader's Map, which displays Hogwarts Castle and everyone's movements within it. During his time at Hogwarts, James played chaser for the Quidditch Team and was named Head Boy his last year at Hogwarts. In addition, James is an Animagus and can turn himself into a stag earning him the nickname "Prongs". After graduating from Hogwarts, He married another Gryffindor named Lily Evans and joined the Order of the Phoenix to fight Voldemort in the First Wizarding War.¹

Lily Potter (Gryffindor)

Lily Evans was a witch born to two Muggle parents along with her sister, Petunia, who was also a Muggle. She attended the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry from the years of 1971-1978 as a member of the Gryffindor House. During her time, she was a member of the prestigious "Slug Club" and named Head Girl her seventh year. It was then when she began dating James Potter, whom she married a year later when both joined the Order of the Phoenix. Lily was a skilled potioneer according to her potions professor, Professor Slughorn, and had advanced skills in transfiguration and dueling against the dark arts.²

Sirius Black (Gryffindor)

Sirius Black was a pure-blood wizard born as the older son to Orion and Walburga Black. His brother is named Regulus Black, a current death eater in Lord Voldemort's Army that has shown signs of insubordination. Being the older son, Sirius is the immediate heir to the House of Black, one of the largest, oldest, and

wealthiest pure-blooded wizarding families in Great Britain. The Black Family strongly subscribed to the Dark Arts and pure-blood elitism and even disowned family members that did not share the same status, both things that Sirius disagreed with. Sirius attended Hogwarts from 1971-1978 and was the first of his family to be a member of the Gryffindor House, as every other Black that had passed through Hogwarts had been a member of Slytherin. While at Hogwarts, Black learned to be an Animagus as part of the Mauraders, and took the form of a black dog which earned him the nickname "Padfoot". After leaving Hogwarts, he joined the Order of the Phoenix and served as best man at the wedding of Lily Evans and his best friend James Potter, whom he had grown so close with that the Potters adopted him.³

Remus Lupin (Gryffindor)

Remus Lupin was a half-blood wizard born as the only son to Lyall and Hope Lupin. He suffers from the disease known as lycanthropy, which means during a full moon he turns into a harmful werewolf. He was cursed with this affliction when he was younger by the notorious werewolf leader Fenrir Greyback as revenge against Remus's father, Lyall. He attended Hogwarts from 1971-1978 and was a part of the Gryffindor House. It was there where he joined the Mauraders and created the Mauraders Map. He was also given the nickname "Moony" as part of the Mauraders because of his transformation into a werewolf during full moons. After graduating, he joined the Order of the Phoenix to fight Lord Voldemort and the Death Eaters with the rest of the Mauraders.⁴

Peter Pettigrew (Gryffindor)

Peter Pettigrew was born to the Pettigrews, a rather ordinary wizarding family. He attended Hogwarts from 1971-1978 and was a part of the Gryffindor House. It was there where he joined the Mauraders and created the Mauraders Map. While part of the Mauraders, Pettigrew became an Animagus, with his animal form being a rat. He given the nickname "Wormtail". After graduating, he

¹ "James Potter I." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/James_Potter_I.

² "Lily J. Potter." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Lily_J._Potter.

³ "Sirius Black." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Sirius_Black.

⁴ "Remus Lupin." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Remus_Lupin.

joined the Order of the Phoenix to fight Lord Voldemort and the Death Eaters with the rest of the Aurors. While Pettigrew's allegiance has been called into a question multiple times, he remains seemingly loyal to the Order in their fight against Voldemort and other dark magic.⁵

Edgar Bones (Hufflepuff)

Edgar Bones was a pure blood wizard born into the Bones family along with his sister, Amelia. Edgar attended Hogwarts from 1971-1978 and was a member of the Hufflepuff House. After graduating, Edgar married a fellow member of the Hufflepuff House and had 3 children. Edgar joined the Order of the Phoenix to oppose Lord Voldemort and the Death Eaters. Edgar is one of the most popular wizards among the Order of the Phoenix, and has the ear of almost everyone in the Order. His sister Amelia is a young wizard working in the Ministry of Magic in the Department of Magical Law Enforcement with a very bright future in wizarding politics.⁶

Frank Longbottom (Gryffindor)

Frank Longbottom was a pure-blood wizard born to Augusta Longbottom, who attended Hogwarts with Professor Minerva McGonagall. The Longbottoms were one of the oldest and most respected pure-blood families in the wizarding world. Frank attended Hogwarts from 1970-1977 and was a member of the Gryffindor House. Upon graduating Hogwarts, Frank became an Auror in the Ministry of Magic, which means he served on a very selective task force with other highly trained witches and wizards with the goal of enforcing wizarding laws and protecting magical communities and creatures. Frank is one of the youngest and most talented Aurors in the force currently. As an Auror, Frank also joined the Order of the Phoenix in order to further combat Lord Voldemort and the Death Eaters. In addition, Frank is married to a fellow Auror, Alice Longbottom.⁷

Alice Longbottom (Gryffindor)

Alice Longbottom is a pure-blood witch who was born in London and attended the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry from the years 1970-1977. It was there she met

her future husband, Frank Longbottom, and went on to be one of the brightest witches at Hogwarts. After graduating, she became an Auror and quickly built her reputation as one of the most talented Aurors of all time, male or female. She married Frank after becoming an Auror, and the two serve as a dynamic duo at the Ministry of Magic and the Order of the Phoenix in order to fight against Lord Voldemort and the Death Eaters. Being such an integral part of the Aurors and the Ministry, Alice has privilege to a plethora of information inside the Ministry of Magic.⁸

Albus Dumbledore (Gryffindor)

Albus Percival Wulfric Brian Dumbledore was born as the eldest son of Kendra and Percival Dumbledore in the summer of 1881 in Mould-on-the-Wold, a village in England. Early in his childhood, his younger sister, Ariana Dumbledore, was attacked by Muggle boys who were frightened by her magical abilities. The attack left her scarred and she was unable to mentally practice magic properly ever again. In an act of revenge, Percival Dumbledore hunted down and attacked the Muggle boys who hurt his daughter and was sent to Azkaban as punishment. Dumbledore attended Hogwarts from 1892-1899 and was sorted into the Gryffindor House. At Hogwarts, Dumbledore became one of the most exceptional spell catchers in history, earning high marks on all of his exams and winning the Barnabus Finkley Prize for Exceptional Spell Casting. He also befriended famous wizards, Bathilda Bagshot and Nicolas Flamel during his time at Hogwarts. After the tragic death of his little sister involving an exchange with the powerful wizard Gellert Grindelwald, Dumbledore returned to Hogwarts in 1910 as a Professor of Transfiguration. During his spell as a professor, Grindelwald amassed an army of Dark Wizards to attack Muggles and other wizards. Dumbledore tracked him down and beat him in what is known as the most legendary duel between wizards of all time. Dumbledore was awarded the Order of Merlin (First Class) by the Ministry and was later appointed the Headmaster of Hogwarts in 1965. Dumbledore later founded the Order of

⁵ "Peter Pettigrew." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Peter_Pettigrew.

⁶ "Edgar Bones." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Edgar_Bones.

⁷ "Frank Longbottom." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Frank_Longbottom.

⁸ "Alice Longbottom." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Alice_Longbottom.

the Phoenix during Voldemort's rise to power, and continues to oversee Hogwarts while recruiting witches and wizards to join the Order in the fight against Voldemort.⁹

Aberforth Dumbledore (Gryffindor)

Aberforth Dumbledore was born to Percival and Kendra Dumbledore in Mould-on-the-Wold as their second son and the younger brother of Albus Dumbledore. Early in his childhood, his younger sister, Ariana Dumbledore, was attacked by Muggle boys who were frightened by her magical abilities. The attack left her scarred and she was unable to mentally practice magic properly ever again. In an act of revenge, Percival Dumbledore hunted down and attacked the Muggle boys who hurt his daughter and was sent to Azkaban as punishment. Aberforth attended Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry from 1895-1902 and was a part of House Gryffindor. Aberforth struggled to live up to the expectations set by his brother, Albus, and lived in the shadow of him for the majority of his Hogwarts career, having a reputation of violence and dueling. He was extremely close with his little sister Ariana, and wanted to drop out to take care of her, much to the chagrin of Albus who forbade it. When Ariana was killed because of a duel between Aberforth, Albus, and Grindewald, Aberforth personally blamed Albus and assaulted him. After Ariana's death, Aberforth became the bartender at Hogs Head Inn at Hogsmeade Village, where numerous meetings of the Order of the Phoenix took place.¹⁰

Alastor "Mad-Eye" Moody (Unknown)

Alastor Moody was born a pure blood into the Moody family, a famous pure-blood wizarding family. Not only were his mother and father Aurors, the entire Moody ancestry is filled with world renowned Aurors that served the Ministry very well. He attended Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry from 1962-1969, where he excelled as a student. Unfortunately, the records for Moody's files were destroyed after he joined the Ministry and he himself has no recollection of what house he belonged to when he attended Hogwarts. After graduating, Moody became an Auror and served

the Ministry of Magic and the Order of the Phoenix in the fight against Lord Voldemort and the Death Eaters. Moody has one of the most impressive records as an Auror and member of the Order as many of cells in Azkaban are filled with fugitive Death Eaters that Moody has captured. He lost his eye and leg in a duel with a Death Eater and replaced the leg with a prosthetic and a magical eye that can see in all directions.¹¹

Minerva McGonagall (Gryffindor)

Minerva McGonagall is a half-blood witch born to a Muggle named Robert McGonagall and a witch named Isobel Ross in the Scottish Highlands. She was the oldest of three, and has two younger brothers, Malcolm and Robert Jr. McGonagall attended Hogwarts from 1947-1954 and was a member of the Gryffindor House during her time at Hogwarts. After graduating Hogwarts, McGonagall started working at the Department of Magical Law Enforcement at the Ministry of Magic. After two years, she left this position wholly unhappy with her job and duties and returned to Hogwarts to become a professor of Transfiguration under the tutelage of Albus Dumbledore, and she later became the head of the Transfiguration Department. McGonagall is an Animagus with the ability to transform into a tabby cat. She uses this to advantage and often transforms into the cat to spy on Death Eaters and give the Aurors and the Order crucial information.¹²

Molly Weasley (Gryffindor)

Molly Weasley was born into the Prewett family as the third and youngest child and has two older brothers, Gideon and Fabian. Molly attended Hogwarts from 1961-1968 and was a part of the Gryffindor House where she met her future husband, Arthur. After leaving Hogwarts, Arthur and Molly got married and had three children, Bill, Charley, and Percy, with Molly currently pregnant with twins. While her health status prevents her from doing anything dangerous, Molly still wanted to join the Order of the Phoenix in order to combat Voldemort and the Death Eaters. She still plays a vital part in the

⁹ "Albus Dumbledore." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Albus_Dumbledore.

¹⁰ "Aberforth Dumbledore." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Aberforth_Dumbledore.

¹¹ "Alastor Moody." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Alastor_Moody.

¹² "Minerva McGonagall." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Minerva_McGonagall.

Order's day to day operations by organizing information, treating the injured, and caring for the children whose parents were in the Order. It is often said that nothing happens in the Order without Molly Weasley knowing about it.¹³

Arthur Weasley (Gryffindor)

Arthur is a pure blood wizard and was born to parents Septimus and Cedrella Weasley. Arthur's mother Cedrella was disowned from the Black family for not continuing the long-standing tradition of pure blood supremacy when she married Septimus. Arthur attended Hogwarts from 1961-1968 and was a member of the Gryffindor House. During his time at Hogwarts, he became fascinated with Muggles and pursued Muggle Studies to learn more about them. Arthur met his future wife, Molly, at Hogwarts as well and the two got married shortly after graduating. Arthur joined the Ministry Magic working in the Department of Magical Law Enforcement in the Misuse of Muggle Artifacts Office. After joining the Ministry, Arthur was recruited to join the Order of the Phoenix, and after initially resisting, eventually joined to fight Lord Voldemort and the Death Eaters.¹⁴

Rubeus Hagrid

Rubeus Hagrid was born to a wizard named Hagrid and a giantess, Friduwalfa, near the Forest of Dean in England. His mother left the family and returned to her Giant colony when Hagrid was only six years old, so his father raised him for most of his childhood. Hagrid started to attend Hogwarts in the year 1940 and was sorted into the Gryffindor House. Unfortunately, he never finished his education, as he was expelled in his fifth year for having a pet acroturantula that killed a fellow classmate. After his expulsion, the Ministry of Magic prohibited Hagrid from practicing magic and consequently destroyed his wand. Dumbledore, who believed Hagrid was innocent, convinced then Headmaster Armando Dippet to give Hagrid the job of Gamekeeper, which allowed Hagrid to remain at Hogwarts and live on the grounds. After getting expelled, Hagrid joined the Order of the Phoenix to aid in the fight

against Lord Voldemort and the Death Eaters. He is still able to practice magic using his pink umbrella.¹⁵

Elphias Doge (Gryffindor)

Elphias Doge was born into the influential, pure-blood Doge Family in Ireland. As a young boy, Doge contracted Dragon Pox, a disease similar to chicken pox in Muggles, that left a greenish hue on his skin. Doge attended Hogwarts from 1892-1899, where he was a part of the Gryffindor House and met and befriended Albus Dumbledore. The two became best friends and planned to travel the world together after graduating from Hogwarts when Dumbledore received news that his mother had passed away. Doge left for the trip without Dumbledore, and travelled to many countries, including Egypt and Greece. After returning, Doge took a position with the Ministry of Magic in the Department of Magical Law Enforcement as Special Advisor to the Wizengamot, which was Britain's highest court of wizarding law and parliament. Doge joined the Order of the Phoenix during the first Wizarding War to help combat Lord Voldemort and the Death Eaters. Due to this position, Doge has access to inside information in the Ministry and has influence over lawmakers and judges.¹⁶

Millicent Bagnold (Ravenclaw)

Millicent Bagnold was born in the British Isles and was the only child of the Bagnold family. She attended Hogwarts from 1970-1977 and was a part of the Ravenclaw House. After graduating from Hogwarts, she rose through the ranks at the Ministry of Magic and was named Deputy Minister of Magic in 1979, with succession plans in place for her to become the next Minister of Magic. Due to this, Bagnold has unlimited access to information and influence with important figures within the Ministry. While not officially part of the Order of the Phoenix, she works secretly with them in order to stay up to date on everything happening at the Ministry and within Lord Voldemort's ranks.¹⁷

¹³ "Molly Weasley." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Molly_Weasley.

¹⁴ "Arthur Weasley." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Arthur_Weasley.

¹⁵ "Rubeus Hagrid." *Pottermore*, www.pottermore.com/explore-the-story/rubeus-hagrid.

Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

¹⁶ "Elphias Doge." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Elphias_Doge.

¹⁷ "Millicent Bagnold." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Millicent_Bagnold.

Arabella Figg

Arabella Doreen Figg was born to the wizarding Figg family as a Squib, meaning that while she technically she is a witch, she possesses no magical powers. Figg made a living by dealing cross-bred cats and kneazles, which are a type of magical feline creature that have a very high level of intelligence and are particularly aggressive. While she cannot practice magic, she works with Dumbledore to spy on Death Eaters and other wizards by disguising herself as a Muggle. She possesses vital information on where numerous Death Eaters live and work.¹⁸

Dedalus Diggle (Ravenclaw)

Dedalus Diggle was a pure blood wizard born into the Diggle family, one of the oldest wizarding families in England. Dedalus attended Hogwarts from 1975-1982 and was a member of the Ravenclaw House. Diggle was a skilled wizard and was recruited for many jobs after he left Hogwarts, only to join the Ministry of Magic working in the Department of Magical Accidents and Catastrophes. He joined the Wizengamot in 1985 as one of the youngest members, and was eventually elected Chief Warlock of the Wizengamot for his ability to lead and deft hand at policy making. He joined the Order of the Phoenix at Dumbledore's request, and works to help make sure the Ministry's priorities help align with the Order of the Phoenix.¹⁹

Mundungus Fletcher (Hufflepuff)

Mundungus Fletcher was a half-blood wizard born in Ireland as the third child in the Fletcher family. Mundungus was the shortest and the youngest, and growing up he learned to steal and scheme very early. He attended Hogwarts from 1965-1972 and was a member of the Hufflepuff House. At Hogwarts, he received numerous demerits for selling illicit materials and stealing things from other students. After he graduated, he became a practicing con artist in London, using his magic to prey on unknowing Muggles. He was caught once by the Ministry but avoided any sort of punishment because of Albus Dumbledore's help. As a result, he became very loyal to Dumbledore and joined the Order of the Phoenix at the request of

Dumbledore. He does not get along with Dumbledore's brother Aberforth, and has been in my scuffles with him, the most recent of which resulted in him getting banned from the Hog's Head Inn.²⁰

Emmeline Vance (Ravenclaw)

Emmeline Vance was a half blood witch who was born in the Scottish Highlands as the oldest of three daughters. She attended Hogwarts from 1967-1974 and was a member of the Ravenclaw House. She was a very talented witch and was known around Hogwarts for her wizardry. After graduating from Hogwarts, she trained to be an Auror but soon grew tired of it and decided to leave her post at the Ministry to study other aspects of magic. She joined the Order of the Phoenix to help combat Lord Voldemort and his Death Eaters. Emmeline is repulsed by Dark Magic and leads numerous raids on Death Eater hideouts and known homes.²¹

Topic A: Increase security and impose stricter background checks on Ministry of Magic employees

Introduction

Since Lord Voldemort's rise began, the Ministry of Magic has suffered a huge blow in terms of credibility and secrecy. Numerous reports have been leaked, and it has been impossible to keep track of Lord Voldemort and his army's movements as they always seem to be one step ahead of the Ministry. Because of this, departmental inquiries have been rampant, as trust erodes within the Ministry. The current Minister of Magic, Harold Minchum, maintains a hard stance on sending Death Eaters to Azkaban, whose recent security has been put into question considering the increasing amount of Dementors that continue to join Lord

¹⁸ "Arabella Figg." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Arabella_Figg.

¹⁹ "Dedalus Diggle." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Dedalus_Diggle.

²⁰ "Mundungus Fletcher." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Mundungus_Fletcher.

²¹ "Emmeline Vance." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Emmeline_Vance.

Voldemort's ranks.²² In addition, the amount of registered Aurors have dipped to the lowest figure since the Department of Magical Law Enforcement's creation, with an alarming rise in Auror deaths. More specifically, an increasing number of Aurors continue to be targeted at their homes by the Death Eaters, forcing many Ministry families to go into hiding for their own protection. The prime minister of Great Britain, Nigel Barrington, has even refused to meet with Harold Minchum to discuss Muggle safety because of the lack of security at the Ministry.

In this committee the Order of the Phoenix will have to figure out methods to deal with a situation that is growing tenser by the day and could lead to dire consequences in the near future. They will also have to deal with the political and social factions within the Ministry and Great Britain, and figure out a way to work with other Wizarding governments around the world to combat Lord Voldemort and the Death Eaters. The committee can also utilize the Wizarding parliament later discussed in this topic to enforce new legislation throughout Great Britain.

History and Background Information

The Ministry of Magic is the primary governing body of the magical community in Great Britain. The Ministry of Magic offices are currently located underground in central London off Whitehall Road in Westminster²³. The Ministry of Magic was first formed as the Wizard's Council in the 16th century, but became the Ministry of Magic after the passing of the International Statute of Wizarding Secrecy at the end of the 17th century.²⁴ Most European nations have their own Ministry of Magic, but the central one in the United Kingdom is in London, England. The Minister of Magic runs the Ministry, and they are an elected official by the wizarding public.

The current Minister of Magic is named Harold Minchum and was elected in 1975 after

working in the Ministry for over 30 years. Minchum is a half blood, and very popular among all wizarding groups for his hard stance against Dark Magic. Usually, the deputy minister is almost always elected as the new minister by the Wizengamot, the highest court of Wizarding law, but the deputy minister, a young man named Cornelius Fudge, was so unpopular at the time of the election that the general public went another direction. Fudge was seen as ineffective and timid during the campaign and was criticized for not having a more concrete and severe plan to deal with Voldemort and his army. He even questioned the existence of Voldemort himself, saying that since no high-level Ministry official had seen him, he might not be real. After the election, Fudge resigned as Deputy Minister of Magic and returned to work the Department of Magical Law Enforcement. Filling his post is the wildly popular Millicent Bagnold, a young witch who, despite her lack of experience in governmental affairs, has the support of the Ministry and Albus Dumbledore.

The Wizengamot and International Statute of Wizarding Secrecy

The Wizengamot is the oldest part of the British wizarding government, and the highest court of law and parliament. The Wizengamot dates back in history during medieval times, after the International Statute of Wizarding Secrecy was signed in 1689 and established in 1692. Subsequently, the then wizarding governing body in Britain, called the Wizard's Council, disbanded and formed the Ministry of Magic.²⁵ The International Statute of Wizarding Secrecy was passed by the International Confederation of Wizards to help keep the wizarding communities around the world safe from Muggles and keep their presence largely hidden.²⁶

²² "Ministers for Magic." Pottermore, www.pottermore.com/writing-by-jk-rowling/ministers-for-magic. Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

²³ "British Ministry of Magic." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/British_Ministry_of_Magic. Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

²⁴ Holland, Amy, and Jeanne Kimsey. "International Statute of Secrecy – The Harry Potter Lexicon." The Harry Potter Lexicon, [www.hp-](http://www.hp-lexicon.org/thing/international-statute-of-secrecy/)

lexicon.org/thing/international-statute-of-secrecy/. Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

²⁵ "Wizengamot." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Wizengamot. Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

²⁶ Holland, Amy, and Jeanne Kimsey. "International Statute of Secrecy – The Harry Potter Lexicon." The Harry Potter Lexicon, www.hp-lexicon.org/thing/international-statute-of-secrecy/. Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

The International Confederation of Wizards is the wizarding equivalent of the United Nations, made up of not only wizards, but by other magical creatures as well, such as trolls and goblins. Faced with worsening Wizard-Muggle relations due to the persecution of wizards and witches around the world in the 17th century, the International Confederation of Wizards passed the International Statute of Wizarding Secrecy as a result.²⁷ In present day, the Wizengamot is made up of 50 judges, who are elected officials who then undergo intense confirmation processes from not only the current Wizengamot, but the Minister of Magic as well. The Wizengamot operates out of the Department of Magical Law Enforcement of the Ministry of Magic. Usually, trials occur on site in dungeons on the lower levels of the Department of Magical Law Enforcement and is presided over by two officials, the Chief Warlock of the Wizengamot, and the Minister of Magic.²⁸ In some cases, if the Minister is busy with other important affairs, the Deputy Minister takes their place. In addition to trials, the Wizengamot meets to legislate and pass laws in the wizarding world. The current Chief Warlock is Dedalus Diggle, who is one of the youngest Chief Warlocks in Wizengamot history.

The Politics and Secrets of the Ministry of Magic

The British Ministry of Magic has seven departments that each deal with a different aspect of wizarding life. The seven departments are:

- *The Department of Magical Law Enforcement*
- *The Department of Magical Accidents and Catastrophes*
- *The Department for the Regulation and Control of Magical Creatures*
- *The Department of International Magical Cooperation*
- *The Department of Magical Transportation*

²⁷ "International Confederation of Wizards." The Harry Potter Compendium, harry-potter-compendium.wikia.com/wiki/International_Confederati_on_of_Wizards. Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

²⁸ "Wizengamot." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Wizengamot. Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

- *The Department of Magical Games and Sports*
- *The Department of Mysteries*

Every Ministry of Magic employee, from the Minister to the janitor undergoes a strict background check before being given access to the Ministry to protect its secrets.. This background check has worked in the past, but Death Eaters have found a way around the check to gain access to the Ministry by use of many different magical cloaking techniques, such as using a Polyjuice Potion to change their identity, or by blackmailing current Ministry officials using violence.

Currently, the Ministry of Magic contains many of the same political ideals of the Muggle Parliament in the United Kingdom. It contains many divisions that make it hard for the Wizengamot to create and pass laws that support all interests. One of the most powerful and prominent political factions in the Wizarding world is the Pure Bloods, made up of different great Wizarding families that are still made up of "truly pure blood" wizards.²⁹ There are twenty-eight wizarding families that are still considered pure blood, who are referred to as the Sacred Twenty-Eight.³⁰ Many of the pure-blood families are prevalent in the Ministry, such as Crouch, Weasley, and Shackbolt, while other pure-blood families have aligned themselves with Lord Voldemort's ideals, such as the Lestranges, Malfoys, and Carrows. Because such a large faction of pure-blood families has joined Voldemort's cause, there is a great distrust among pure-blood wizards, and half-bloods and Muggle born wizards. These families, along with Lord Voldemort and a majority of his followers, subscribe to the idea of pure-blood supremacy, an ideal that favors pure-blooded wizards receiving preferential treatment in society as well as holding a majority of governmental positions, including the Minister of Magic and Chief Warlock of the Wizengamot.³¹ Pure-blood supremacists believe that they are the most

²⁹ "Pure-Blood supremacy." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Pure-blood_supremacy. Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

³⁰ "Who are the 'Sacred Twenty-Eight'?" Pottermore, www.pottermore.com/features/who-are-the-sacred-twenty-eight. Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

³¹ "Pure-Blood supremacy." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Pure-blood_supremacy. Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

elite witches and wizards in the wizarding world, and they deserve a higher status than half-bloods, Muggle borns, and half-breeds. It doesn't help that the Chief Warlock, Dedalus Diggle, is a member of the Sacred Twenty-Eight, a group of the last twenty-eight pure-blood families in Britain. Families of the Sacred Twenty-Eight meet regularly at unspecified locations to talk about the current events in Britain and discuss ways to influence public discourse. Lately, many of the meetings have been attended by less and less pure-blood families as many continue to defect to Lord Voldemort's side. Tensions between pure-bloods and different wizarding groups have never been higher, and with air of sinister Dark Magic hanging over everyone, pure-bloods, half-bloods, Muggle borns, and half breeds must learn to work together if they want to adequately fight Lord Voldemort and his army.

International Magical Governing Bodies

One of the main differences between the Muggle world and the wizarding world in Europe, is that there is no Magic European Union. Most countries that have a wizarding governing body that allows expedited travel to all wizarding countries in Europe and in the Americas, with the exception of the United States. There are many countries around Europe with wizarding governments, but the most prominent governments include Great Britain, France, Germany, and Sweden, where the prestigious Durmstrang Institute is located.³² The United States also has a wizarding governing body, but all immigration from European nations within the United States has been halted due to Voldemort's actions. It is rumored that after taking over the majority of the European continent, he plans to target the United States and other North American countries. As a result, it is very hard for wizards and witches fleeing the violence to come to the United States, as they continue to refuse to send support to their magical ally.

Recent International Action

An attack in North London last week by the Death Eaters saw 5 Muggles and countless

wizards senselessly murdered. Nigel Barrington, enraged by his magical counterpart's inability to protect his citizens, has threatened to leak whatever wizarding state secrets he has access to the press in order to expose wizards everywhere. He has even threatened to put wizards under active surveillance by the British Royal Army. Pure-blood tensions continue to be high as more and more of the Sacred Twenty-Eight families join Lord Voldemort's cause, causing some to question Chief Warlock Dedalus Diggle's intentions as head of the Wizengamot. In addition, The United States has refused to contribute to aid to Great Britain after shutting down their borders to any wizard traveling there from Europe.

Conclusion

With Lord Voldemort's Army growing stronger by the day, The Order of the Phoenix must be on high alert. The committee must have the ability to react quickly in order to help the wizarding population in Great Britain and abroad, and keep the Ministry of Magic intact. How will the Order work with the Ministry and the Wizengamot to ensure the peace is kept and for how much longer?

Questions to Consider

- 1. What will the Ministry do to maintain:**
 - a. Secrecy in the identity of the aurors?
 - b. Secrecy involving Ministry affairs?
 - c. Secrecy from Muggles involving magic?
- 2. What kind of laws will the Wizengamot pass to quell blood tensions in England?**
- 3. Will the tensions between the pure-bloods, half-bloods, Muggle borns, and half breeds hinder efforts to combat Lord Voldemort and the Death Eaters?**
- 4. What other countries can be recruited in order to help fight Lord Voldemort?**

³² "Durmstrang Institute." Pottermore, www.pottermore.com/writing-by-jk-rowling/durmstrang-institute. Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

5. **Should the pure-bloods have unfair influence over the Ministry?**
6. **What can the Minister do to help alleviate fear in the Wizarding community and more accurately target Death Eaters?**

[Topic B: Mobilize protection for the vulnerable Muggle population and for other creatures that are friends of the Wizarding World](#)

Introduction

The Magical world not only contains humans, but other creatures as well. In some instances, Magical creatures can mate with witches and wizards to give birth to half breeds, with Rubeus Hagrid being one of the most prominent examples in the Order of the Phoenix (half giant).³³ With Lord Voldemort's rise to power continuing, Magical creatures stand in the middle of a fight between witches and wizards on both sides. Soon, they will have to choose a side themselves, or be left vulnerable in the crossfire. Ultimately, these are the decisions that will have ripple effects on both sides of the war. Currently, Voldemort's army continues to grow, with many Dementors leaving their post at Azkaban prison to join Voldemort, and Fenrir Greyback, a werewolf, recruiting other werewolves to take up arms against a government that has oppressed them.

It is not hard for the Muggle world to understand that something odd is happening, as storms continue to batter the country, and random attacks by Death Eaters sometimes spill over and leave Muggle casualties with witnesses having a hard time explaining what they saw. Nigel Barrington, Britain's Prime Minister, has twice refused audiences with Harold Minchum, The Minister of Magic, until he provides an adequate strategy and lessening Muggle

³³ "Rubeus Hagrid." Pottermore, www.pottermore.com/explore-the-story/rubeus-hagrid. Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

casualties. While Muggle-Wizard relations have never been good, it is up to the committee to not only focus on safeguarding the lives of innocent Muggles caught in this war, but also the Magical creatures that get in harm's way as well.

History and Background Information

The International Statute of Wizarding Secrecy was passed by the International Confederation of Wizards to help keep the wizarding communities around the world safe from Muggles and keep their presence largely hidden. Faced with worsening Wizard-Muggle tensions due to the persecution of wizards and witches around the world in the 17th century by Muggles, the International Confederation of Wizards passed the International Statute of Wizarding Secrecy as a result. The statute maintained that all wizards and witches would keep their identity hidden from Muggles, and if they were to use their magic outside of the Ministry's jurisdiction, and in a place where Muggles could see them performing magic, they would be severely punished. Violations are handled and prosecuted through the Improper Use of Magic Office, with a full-scale trial in front of the Wizengamot to follow.³⁴

While the Muggle-Wizard tensions continue to heighten, something even more troubling is brewing at Azkaban, as Dementors desert their posts to join Lord Voldemort's Army. This lessens security at a prison where some of the most dangerous witches and wizards are held for their crimes. When visiting Azkaban earlier this year, Minchum discussed ramping up security and talked largely about increasing the number of Dementors stationed around the prison. It seems now, a new plan must be put into place. Along with the Dementors, numerous creatures continue to pick sides in the hopes of ending up victorious in an inevitable conflict. While the werewolves, led by Fenrir Greyback, have already aligned themselves with Lord Voldemort, numerous other groups

³⁴ "International Confederation of Wizards." The Harry Potter Compendium, harry-potter-compendium.wikia.com/wiki/International_Confederation_of_Wizards. Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

of creatures are still trying to determine what their best course of action is. Examples of creatures in the magical world that could be of use are:³⁵

- > *Acromantulas*
- > *Centaur*s
- > *Giants*
- > *Goblins*
- > *House-elves*
- > *Werewolves*
- > *Thestrals*
- > *Various animals that can have magical properties (e.g. owls, snakes, rats, cats).*

Muggle-Wizard Tensions and Muggle Safety

Muggles have always been uneasy when dealing with their magical counterparts, and as a result, rules have been put in place that prevent Muggles and wizards from interacting knowingly. Most Muggles are unaware that magic exists, and now, most witches and wizards use Muggle-Repelling Charms to prevent Muggles from seeing anything that is in the wizarding world. If Muggles happen to stumble upon something from the magical world, such as a creature or someone performing magic, a Confundus Charm is most commonly used to either erase a Muggle's memory, or make them have temporary amnesia to forget what they saw.³⁶ Historically, Muggles have not been particularly receptive to magic, as before the International Statute of Wizarding Secrecy many wizards and witches were burned at the stake for their seemingly devilish tendencies. Some Muggles were even mistaken for wizards and were killed which highlighted the need for secrecy even more.³⁷ In present day, however, Muggles and wizards coexist rather peacefully, which continued up until the attacks on Muggles by Lord Voldemort and the Death Eaters.

Lord Voldemort holds a particular disdain for Muggles, and is under the belief – along with many pure-bloods – that the wizarding world is far superior to the Muggle world. Voldemort, under his previous alias Tom Riddle, once suggested to the Ministry that Muggle hunting should be legal, and it is rumoured that him and his Death Eaters murdered Muggles for fun and for sport.³⁸ Voldemort's rise has not gone unnoticed to Muggles, and Nigel Barrington, the British Prime Minister, is becoming increasingly alarmed with the situation. Barrington holds a great mistrust for the wizarding world, even though his knowledge of it is relatively minimal and a priority of the Ministry of Magic is to protect Muggles from the Dark Arts. This has led to him to be very wary when meeting with Harold Minchum and even going as far as readying the British military if talks with Minchum eventually fall through. As Muggle distress grows, the pressure on Barrington steadily mounts and he will soon have to take action.

Azkaban and the Dementors

Azkaban is a fortress stationed on an island in the middle of the North Sea. It was originally built in the 15th century, Azkaban was originally used as a place where the Dark Wizard Ekrizdis, practiced Dark Magic and would lure innocent Muggles out at sea to test his evil on. After he died, the concealment charms he placed on it to hide it from other wizards faded and Ministry officials located the abandoned building, which had a large infestation of Dementors.³⁹ Dementors are gliding, evil creatures, perhaps created by the Dark Wizard Ekrizdis himself. They prey upon human happiness and also consume a person's soul, leaving them in a permanent vegetative state. The only defense a wizard has against a Dementor is the use of a Patronus charm.⁴⁰

³⁵ Kogge, Michael. *Fantastic beasts and where to find them*. London, Scholastic Ltd., 2016.

³⁶ "Muggle." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Muggle. Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

³⁷ Holland, Amy, and Jeanne Kimsey. "International Statute of Secrecy – The Harry Potter Lexicon." *The Harry Potter Lexicon*, www.hp-lexicon.org/thing/international-statute-of-secrecy/. Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

³⁸ "Muggle." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Muggle. Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

³⁹ "Azkaban." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Azkaban. Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

⁴⁰ "Dementor." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Dementor. Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

Rather than destroy Azkaban and the dark spirits that surround it, the Ministry decided to use its isolated location to its advantage and made it the highest security prison in the entire world and decided to make the Dementors permanent guards at Azkaban. They redid the concealment charms to ensure that no Muggle or even wizard could locate it without the use of extremely powerful magic. Azkaban became a place only where the vilest of people would end up, and slowly prisoners would drive themselves insane caused by the isolation and the Dementors truly depressing influence.⁴¹

Unfortunately for the Ministry of Magic, the Dementors have no true allegiance, and will side with anyone who can provide the most souls for them to prey on.⁴² This happens to be Lord Voldemort, and the Dark Lord has recruited most of them from Azkaban to fight with him against opposition forces in the war. While some Dementors remained at their post at Azkaban, over half of them fled with the Dark Lord, freeing over thirty imprisoned Death Eaters in the process. The Ministry has sent over half of their Aurors to try and destroy the Dementors and secure Azkaban before a mass panic ensues, but they are running out of time.

Relations with the Centaurs

A centaur is a magical creature that has the upper body of a human (torso, head, arms) and the bottom half of a horse's body. While these animals are truly half human, half beast, they are not considered half breeds and are given their own classification as a species. Centaurs are highly intelligent, and possess some divine powers, such as divining. Divining is the ancient branch of magic that involves attempting to see the future, or see details about a potential future event. Centaurs also have great honor and pride for their species, which is greatly harmed by the Ministry of Magic still labelling them as "beasts" in their magical records. Centaurs are also labelled as "near-human intelligence" in Ministry records despite their high intelligence.⁴³ Due to this, the Centaurs very hesitant to join the Order in the

fight against Voldemort, as they fear that after the war they will continue to be marginalized by the Ministry, who the Order is associated with. Majority of the centaurs, however, despise the idea of Dark Magic and have refused multiple times to join Voldemort's Army. The Centaurs believe that they have the ability to simply wait out the war deep in the forests of Europe, and emerge unscathed when the fighting ends. This, however, presents a large risk, as Voldemort and his army have abilities to find creatures no matter where they hide and force them to choose a side.

One of the largest Centaur colonies exists in the Forbidden Forest next to Hogwarts campus. Currently, Albus Dumbledore is in advanced talks with them to join the Order of the Phoenix to help combat Lord Voldemort in exchange for full autonomy within the Forbidden Forest for as long as they like. Dumbledore has said that the Centaurs are very hesitant, but it is the closest the Order or the Ministry has gotten in terms of exchanges between the two parties. More must be done if the Centaurs are to join the Order.

Recent International Action

The Ministry of Magic is a couple of incidents away from being thrown into complete chaos, with the Order of the Phoenix being its last hope. Many Aurors from the Ministry have been scattered around the country, trying to keep the peace, with some Aurors traveling deep into Europe to try and track missing Death Eaters and gain clues of where Lord Voldemort is. In addition, Albus Dumbledore has sent Rubeus Hagrid to try and recruit the giants in Europe to join their cause against Voldemort, but Hagrid hasn't been heard from in almost two weeks. In addition, Harold Minchum and the Ministry have continued to try and get into contact with Nigel Barrington, but the office of the British Prime Minister continues to make public statements about the odd events taking place without consulting them first, which could

⁴¹ "Azkaban." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Azkaban. Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

⁴² "Dementor." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Dementor. Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

⁴³ "Centaur." Harry Potter Wiki, harrypotter.wikia.com/wiki/Centaur. Accessed 26 Sept. 2017.

cause Muggle and Wizard tensions to escalate. Time is running out for the Order and they must devise a plan of action to keep Muggles and magical creatures safe, as well as recruiting an army to help them in the fight against Lord Voldemort and the Death Eaters.

Conclusion

With more and more creatures by the day joining Voldemort's Army, the pool that the Ministry can recruit from grows thinner and thinner by the day. The committee must focus on devising a plan of action that not only helps them convince creatures and wizards alike to join their cause, but also maintain security in the most dangerous place in the world, Azkaban. As they say, time is galleons.

Questions to Consider

1. **How should the Prime Minister of Britain and the Minister of Magic deal with the growing Muggle-Wizard tensions?**
2. **How can security be tighter at Azkaban?**
 - a. What sort of security measures can be put in place?
 - b. Is the safer prison that high security prisoners can be moved to during the war?
 - c. How can the Order replace the Dementors that have defected to Voldemort and prevent this in the future?
 - d. What can Aurors do to track down the escaped Death Eaters?
3. **What can be done to ensure that the centaurs join the Order in the fight against Lord Voldemort?**
 - a. What other magical creatures can be recruited to aid in the fight as well?