

Harry Potter Mystery Dinner

Hosted My Professor McGonagall

Guests:

Harry Potter
Hermione Granger
Ron Weasley
Luna Lovegood
Ginny Weasley
Draco Malfoy
Professor Snape
Mundungus Fletcher
Gilderoy Lockheart
Rita Skeeter
Dolores Umbridge
Bellatrix Lestrange

Optional Kitchen and Serving Help:

Filch the Caretaker
Mrs. Weasley

For the rest of the parts (parchments and memos) along with other ideas and helpful tips, go to

<http://www.justsweetandsimple.blogspot.com/2012/11/harry-potter-mystery-dinner-party.html>

Schedule:

(Rough Estimates...Actual Timing will be based on discussion)

Menu Plan is just a suggestion and for tips and recipes go to:

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6:30- **Guests Arrive**

Appetizers and Drinks
Mingle, Eat, Chat

7:00- **Begin Script, take the train to Hogwarts**

-Interdepartmental Memos Received
*Filch, checks their pockets

7:15- Everyone Seated In Dining Room

Serve Up Salad (everyone will be reading their memos at the table)
*Filch Delivers: Evidence Group 1
-Collect Salad Dish

7:30- **Serve Gelato in Martini Glass with Lemon Slice**

-Parchment 1 Set, handed out
*Filch brings in Evidence Group 2
-Collect Martini Glass

7:45-**Serve Alfredo & Roll**

-Parchment 2 Set, handed out
-Collect Entrée Dish
-Take orders on Pie

8:30- **Serve Pie with Ice cream**

-Parchment 3 Set, handed out
-collect votes (Luna and Snapes Final Parchments handed out)
*Filch be ready to interrupt: "Professor McGonagall! It was the Wormwood! Madam Pomfrey found, It was too much Wormwood that killed Neville Longbottom!"

Notes:

This Mystery Dinner is not a word for word script.

It tells what each character should do and what facts and comments they need to bring up in the conversations.

The characters do not need to have read the books, but nor seen all of the Harry Potter Movies. Seeing at least one of the movies to understand the Characters rolls with one another is a must. Watching all of the movies and especially reading the books is a huge bonus.

Professor McGonagall is the Host. She is to have read the script, all memos, parchments, and evidence pieces before the Mystery Dinner. Familiarize self with the storyline and the parts.

Also, McGonagall, as the host is to encourage discussion. Keep things running smoothly. Remind the guests to speak one at a time, and loud and clear. Repeat any comments aloud that the group that might have been missed, ask guest to repeat what they said. AND keep all guests inline.

Two Optional Parts: Filch and Mrs. Weasley. We had these characters, not in required in the script, but very beneficial for preparing/serving the food and clearing dishes. Both parts can be omitted.

****If Filch's Part is omitted. Then Professor McGonagall, can receive an urgent "OWL POST" and read Filch's Comment, solving the Mystery.****

Additional Necessary Preparations:

1. Have all Parchments Collected and Together for each Course of the Meal.

(There are: Memos, Parchment 1, Parchment 2, Parchment 3, and 2 FINAL Parchments, one for Snape and one for Luna)

2. Hang or Position Memos Before Guest Arrive.

3. Have all Evidence Collected and placed together by Grouping. (Evidence Group 1 & Evidence Group 2) Keep them on hand, or have Filch Prepared to Deliver them at the appropriate times.

Additional Items Needed:

-Wand

-Remembrall

-Pens for each guest

Appetizers and Drinks

Hogsmeade

Arrival of Guests:

Welcome guests & have them look around Hogsmeade. Enjoy drinks and appetizers while they wait. Encourage guests/characters to mingle and chat amongst each other.

Once all guests have arrived and mingled for a while

In Hogsmeade:

(Grab Lantern and walk to the center of the group)

Professor McGonagall: *(clears throat)* This is no time for chit chat. Neville Longbottom was found dead. Murdered last night. This is not the time or place to discuss the details, so each of you, please follow me. I will escort you to Hogwarts where we will reconvene in the dinning hall. Everyone follow me.

Professor McGonagall: Oh, I notice there are some Interdepartmental memos to be retrieved. (direct guests' attention to the "interdepartmental memos"/airplanes) Grab them and any necessary belongings quickly the Train leaves momentarily.

(Enter Platform 9 3/4 and Collect Tickets.)

Professor McGonagall: Welcome to Hogwarts, as you enter Filch, our Caretaker, will be checking your cloaks and all that you might be carrying. After which, please join us in the Dinning Hall.

(If you have some one playing Filch, have him hassle each guest and "check their pockets". If not, just proceed)

SALAD COURSE

Dining Hall

Salad Course (Interdepartmental Memos):

Professor McGonagall: (*Clear Throat*) Please take your seats and any memos you might have received, now would be the time to read them, as dinner will begin shortly. You must remember, no murder can be solved if you fail to uphold your responsibilities. It is important you understand the tasks you are given and fulfill them! I will warn you to read them carefully.

(Give a few minutes for reading)

Professor McGonagall: (*Tap glass to call attention*) I would like to begin by thanking each of you for joining us. As we are in unnerving times, for all of our sides (*emphasized to the dark side characters*), this murder is one that affects us all. Neville Longbottom's murder was no accident and signs point to each of you. So we have gathered this night to discover which one of us in this very room is guilty.

Professor McGonagall: The facts we know.

- Neville was died
- He was killed by a poison
- His wand is missing

Professor McGonagall: As we are all interested in the outcome, please *do not hesitate* to discuss what you might know. Time is of the essence and we have a murder to solve. Does anyone have anything they might like to share?

(Feel free to call on Characters to encourage discussion and participation. Example: "Mr. Draco Malfoy lets begin/hear from you... It seems rather peculiar that you... And where were you ...?" etc)

(Encourage discussion here...)

Discuss memos, clues, etc.

(McGonagall, remember to facilitate discussion, remind guests to speak one at a time and loud and clear...and repeat anything that was not heard)

McGonagall: Although, much of this information is necessary, we have some important evidence to discuss. Upon your arrival into Hogwarts, Filch collected a few personal items you carried along he has been sorting through what he found, and brought a few things to my attention. Some of which are rather unnerving.

Evidence 1:

Hold up each piece of evidence as you explain, then pass them around the table for everyone to examine.

(You can choose, to have everyone hold their comments and conversations until you have explained each piece of evidence. Or they can comment as each is brought up.)

McGonagall: First, Draco Malfoy...it appears you brought along this Remembrall. It wouldn't perhaps be the same Remembrall, Ginny mentioned? The same Remembrall, that Neville once received in this very hall?

McGonagall: Next! Miss Ginny Weasley. Not that you should be looking so smug! Filch found this wand inside your robes. This wand was Neville's wand. How might you have come about it. Hmmpf!

McGonagall: Now, for Miss Granger! I am sorry to say, that we have indeed found these love notes. Love notes between you and Neville. This is most surprising.

McGonagall: And finally, Mr. Mundungus, this is not so surprising. This photograph, here. Isn't this you, circled...and what might this inscription say? "Mundungus, I know who you gave this too, and I will tell." Signed, Neville? Not that most of your trades aren't questionable enough!

(Encourage lots of discussion here...)

Discuss Parchments, clues, refer back to evidence, etc.

(McGonagall, remember to facilitate discussion, remind guests to speak one at a time and loud and clear...and repeat anything that was not heard)

When ready for the next course...

McGonagall: This is no simple crime and we are not to the bottom of it yet! None, of you are off the hook...Filch is still at work, sorting through what he found. But we will continue this discussion with our next course. Mrs. Weasley, we are ready for the Palate Cleanser.

PALATE CLEANSER COURSE

Dining Hall

Palate Cleanser (Parchments 1):

McGonagall: *(while handing out the parchments)* Here is your next parchment. Just as you did with your in department Memos, please take a moment to read these carefully. Take your time. You are responsible to understand and fulfill each detail explained. There is no need for rushing, we do not want any clue to be missed. Once everyone's parchments are down I will begin our discussion.

Give time to read.

McGonagall: Well, each of you has read your important role, you are welcome to refer back to your parchments as often as needed. Now, does anyone have anything they would like to say?

*Discuss Parchments, clues, refer back to evidence, etc.
(McGonagall, remember to facilitate discussion, remind guests to speak one at a time and loud and clear...and repeat anything that was not heard)*

Once, everyone has shared their portions and the discussion is closing:

McGonagall: We will continue this discussion over our meal. Dear Mrs. Weasley we are ready for the Entree.

ENTREE COURSE

Dinning Hall

Entrée (Parchments 2):

McGonagall: (while handing out the parchments) As you are being served, you will also receive your next parchment. As always, read very carefully and follow all instructions with exactness. Take your time, I will know you are ready to begin as your parchments are put down.

Give time for reading.

McGonagall: First before anymore discussion, Filch has brought our last and final items of evidence.

Evidence 2:

Hold up each piece of evidence as you explain, then pass them around the table for everyone to examine.

(You can choose, to have everyone hold their comments and conversations until you have explained each piece of evidence. Or they can comment as each is brought up.)

McGonagall: First most interestingly, Hedwig came looking for Mr. Potter with this owl post. It appears Hedwig got a bit lost. Sent from Mr. Potter & Mr. Weasley to Neville himself, and it reads: "Neville, we know what you are up to and it is wrong. You are setting yourself up for misery. If you don't end it, we will. Signed Harry & Ron"

McGonagall: Along with this Owl Post, Filch found this Medical Bill Receipt. Mr. Lockheart, it appears you haven't been sharing everything! Why, I might ask, have you been paying for Mr. & Mrs. Longbottom's medical bills as of late? There appears more connection between you and Neville than you let on. In fact, you have been paying a substantial price here. We will hear more.

McGonagall: Miss Lovegood: As sweet as your intentions were, I must still present these love notes. Here is a small collection of love notes found in your robes. All written by you to Neville.

McGonagall: And now for Draco, you are in the hot seat again Mr. Malfoy. Here we find a family tree. This raises some suspicions. Why would you carry around records of your family tree?

McGonagall: But it does not end there, here quite interestingly, is a Post Card. One written from you, Dolores Umbridge to none other than Rita Skeeter. It says, "Dear Rita, I have found the Amorn Stone, but have yet to get possession of it. I know its location. It is in Bellatrix Lestrange's vault at Gringotts. But, I do have a means of collecting it.

Soon you will have your story. If you are still interested in our deal, please notify me by post. Sincerely, Dolores Umbridge” Well now ladies, it appears the two of you have some explaining to do.

McGonagall: And it just occurred to me that Professor Snape’s office was previously broken into and after a careful search, potion ingredients were found missing. This may be more than just a coincidence.

McGonagall: With all of this new knowledge, let us discuss. Who would like to begin? Anyone have any questions they might ask?

*Discuss Parchments, clues, refer back to evidence, etc.
(McGonagall, remember to facilitate discussion, remind guests to speak one at a time and loud and clear...and repeat anything that was not heard)*

***When Draco Malfoy bursts out say:*

McGonagall: MR. MALFOY! SIT down this instant. There is no need for loosing our tempers now. There has already been one murder and we do not need to cause another! (let Malfoy talk) Thank you Mr. Malfoy.

Once, everyone has shared their portions and the discussion is closing:

McGonagall: Well, from all of this discussion, I presume you can see why we are here. Let me interrupt as we prepare for dessert. Mrs. Weasley, would you please serve our guests the dessert course?

DESSERT COURSE

Dinning Hall

Dessert (Parchment 3):

McGonagall: (*while handing out the parchments & pen*) As you are being served, you will also receive your final parchments and a pen to cast your vote. As we speak, Dementors are waiting outside the gates to bring the guilty to Azkaban, following our voting. Each of you clearly has some reason and some evidence against you in the murder of Neville Longbottom. So now is your last chance to clear yourselves. Take a moment, we will begin momentarily.

McGonagall: Included in your final parchments are you voting slips, please save these for after this last discussion. I encourage each of you to voice any last concerns, you now may share any last thoughts:

*Discuss Parchments, clues, refer back to evidence, etc.
(McGonagall, remember to facilitate discussion, remind guests to speak one at a time and loud and clear...and repeat anything that was not heard)*

Once, everyone has shared their portions and the discussion is closing:

McGonagall: Well, if there is nothing more. Please take a minute to write the name of who you believe is guilty. Once everyone has finished, we will ask for your vote.

(Collect votes & slide Snape and Luna the FINAL parchments)

McGonagall: As I open each vote, I will call your name and announce the person you believe to be the murderer. Then please stand and tell us why you suspect them.

(Read each vote and have each guest share their reasonings. As the last one is shared have Filch enter)

***Filch Runs in:** Professor McGonagall! It was the Wormwood! Madam Pomfrey found, It was too much Wormwood that killed Neville Longbottom!

****Alternate Ending (Owl Post):**

****McGonagall:** I have just received this urgent Owl Post from Madam Pomfrey. She says, It was too much Wormwood that killed Neville Longbottom!

*Snape: That's the ingredient in a Love Potion!
Luna: (concerned and confused) My love potion? So I....?
I killed my sweet, adoring Neville!!?? Oh, what fate is this!?! (bursting into tears)*

McGonagall: Well, we can hold off on the Dementors...this appears to be accidental. But we must inform Dumbledore and the Ministry. Filch, contact them immediately!

The End