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In J. K. Rowling's series of Harry Potter, Dumbledore is a very important character who helps Harry throughout the series. He is presented as the greatest wizard of all time in Rowling's series. Rowling shows how Dumbledore navigates most of Harry's life, from leaving him with the Dursleys to fighting against Voldemort through his excellent planning and intelligence to successfully get Harry a win. Although, Dumbledore is very powerful but he still let Harry figure out and fight his own battle by supporting him in dark times most of the time. Dumbledore plays a vital role as Harry's protector and guide as he protects Harry against Voldemort, set up an upbringing which makes him humble, guide him through his each obstacle and prepare him by providing him knowledge and powerful tools to fight with his enemies.

Dumbledore played a very good role in protecting and raising Harry because he always saved him when his life was in danger. Dumbledore protects Harry by leaving him with the Dursleys. This is revealed when Dumbledore states "While you can still call home the place where your mother's blood dwells, there you cannot be touched or harmed by Voldemort. He

shed her blood, but it lives on in you and her sister"(*The Order of phoenix*,835).This explains Dumbledore's decision for leaving harry with the Dursleys because Dumbledore knew that after the death of Voldemort, the death eaters or his followers will go to any extend to hurt harry and living with his aunt petunia will provide him with his mother's' blood protection. Moreover, Dumbledore always protect harry in his battles against Voldemort by coming at right moment every time. This can be seen when Dumbledore fights Voldemort in *The Soccer's Stone* and *the Order of phoenix* . This scene is important because it shows that Dumbledore can go to any lengths to protect harry even if it includes risking his own life.

Harry was very well prepared for all his endeavour through out his journey on defeating Voldemort by Dumbledore. Dumbledore required harry to have had a fairly normal childhood and education, which would have been possible only if he was raised away from wizarding world. When Dumbledore states “you arrived at Hogwarts, neither as happy nor as well nourished as I would have liked, perhaps, yet alive and healthy. You were not a pampered little prince, but as normal a boy as I could have hoped under the circumstances (*The Order of phoenix*,837).” This is explains Dumbledore’s master plan on teaching harry responsibility, morality, sacrifice based on love and kindness and he successfully archived it. Voldemort and Harry were very similar and still very different, Both were powerful, Lost their parents very young and were living in a very bad condition until they reached Hogwarts but due to Dumbledore excellent planning that Harry grew into a good person. Furthermore, Dumbledore always kept an eye on harry’s obstacles and have given him every resource he requires to reach to goal. When Dumbledore knew harry needs to sneak out he gave him the cloak of invisibility

with a message “Use it wisely”(The Soccer's Stone, 12). This reflects that Dumbledore's great understanding and control of the situation every time Harry needed help. He always prepared Harry for every task by giving information or powerful tools.

Lately, Dumbledore's approach toward making Harry a great wizard was always indirect and he let Harry figure things out himself most of the times. Dumbledore explains Harry that “Voldemort's aim in possessing you, as he demonstrated tonight, would not have been my destruction.....So you see, I have been trying, in distancing myself from you, to protect you, Harry. An old man's mistake...”(844). This statement reflects that Dumbledore was aware that Harry's and Voldemort's minds are connected and if he tried to be very close to Harry then Voldemort will be aware of their relationship. His fear was that Voldemort would try to act through Harry to harm him. His fear was for Harry, not for himself. So he always distanced himself from Harry and only had important interactions with him until Harry was ready. The main focus was to always keep Harry confused and lost so Voldemort would not consider him a great threat. Although, a lot of people think it's unwise of Dumbledore to let Harry struggle when Dumbledore can step in and handle the situation rather than Harry to struggle but Dumbledore's approach trained Harry to be independent and learn from all his experience. Due to this upbringing, Harry was able to fight and destroy Horcrux with the help of Ron and Hermione even after Dumbledore's demise.

Nevertheless, Harry was a great wizard but he could not achieve success without Dumbledore. Dumbledore not only protected him during his time in Hogwarts but also guided him

throughout his life to win over Voldemort. In fact, it was Dumbledore's decision to leave him with the Dursleys which shaped Harry to be a good person. It was a very good approach by Dumbledore to let Harry be raised up this way and to let him figure things out himself because due to this Harry was able to fight Voldemort even after Dumbledore's demise. Dumbledore stood by Harry through all his challenges directly or through someone but enabled Harry to achieve everything in his life and defeat Voldemort.

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