

THE SECRETS OF GRINDLEWOOD – BOOK 4
TEACHERS' NOTES FOR THIRD & FOURTH CLASSES
CLASS WORKSHEET 1 – CHAPTERS 1 - 8

FACT FILE: THE SORCERESS, ZORA

Zora is the twin sister of Worfeus, the wicked warlock. She was meant to rule jointly with her brother after their father died, but neither Zora nor her brother liked the idea much. Unfortunately for Zora, Worfeus acted first and banished her to the Outer Oblivion, a lonely, cube prison, far, far away. Her loyal tutor, Lord Vargon, has spent years trying to arrange her return, and finally brings her back. He hopes to restore her to the throne as queen of the Worfagons, but Zora has more daring plans.

READ AND WRITE

Explain why Bodric Buzzard is excited, but the squirrel, Ripley is nervous about Zora's return.

What do you think Zora and her tutor, Lord Vargon want?

Have you ever tried to skate? What did you like or dislike about skating?

What do you think the eagle is after? Can he be trusted?

LET'S DRAW!

Zora, when she arrives in the tower

Jemima skating on the ice-rink

Timber talking to the queen

Any character from Grindlewood and make it into a jigsaw puzzle!

CREATE YOUR OWN STORIES:

Write a story about a magical key. Where does it lead? What do you find?

Write a story about potions that give you super-powers. What are those powers, what can they do, and will they last?

Write about Timber's special role in Grindlewood. What will he do next? How will he save everyone from danger and evil?

BOOK 4 – CLASS WORKSHEET 2 – CHAPTERS: 9 - 16

FACT FILE: PORTALS

The Wandeleis never used portals much. Instead they used locket, brooches and other magical objects to transport them to wherever they wanted to go. The Worfagons, however, used portals to go to and from other dimensions. But travelling through portals uses a lot of dark magic, and that takes its toll on the user, ageing them quickly and causing them to feel very unwell at best. Senior warlocks sometimes used magical rings instead of portals, but they too contained dark magic and were not used often.

READ AND WRITE

Plan an escape for Jemima, Timber and Teddy.

Explain how the children and the pets will go to Mord Manor.

What do you think Audmund is up to?

Describe how you would make a potion. What are the ingredients?

How can Jemima do magic?

LET'S DRAW!

Jemima, Timber and Teddy being whipped away in whirlwind

The magical compass, the DimLock

The magic portal

The dwarfs, Jugjaw and Bushfire

An evil spider swarm

CREATE YOUR OWN STORIES:

Write a story about how you found a wand and suddenly you could do magic!

Write a story about how you used a magic portal to reach another dimension or magical world. Describe what it was like.

Write a book of spells!

Write a story of how you helped rescue someone from a dungeon!

BOOK 4 – CLASS WORKSHEET 3 – CHAPTERS: 17 - 26

FACT FILE: OTHELIA'S ORB

Othelia lived long ago. She was a very talented Wandelei witch who married a Worfagon warlock, named Oscar. They were forbidden to marry, so they ran away, and stayed on the run for the whole of their lives. It was rumoured that Oscar had captured a super power source and his wife had managed to contain it in a specially fashioned orb. They hid their secret from everyone, not knowing whom to trust. Time passed and people heard rumours about the orb, and a few even saw it, but eventually, no one was left who knew exactly where Oscar and Othelia had hidden it.

READ AND WRITE

What other secrets could be in Grindlewood's murky past?

Explain why Vargon is so cross with Zora.

Explain what you think great-great-uncle George was up to.

What do you think the children should do about the orb?

LET'S DRAW!

The duel between Queen Wanda and Zora

The four magical keys and the four locks that they belong to
Timber finding the orb

The swans and the starlings arriving in Grindlewood garden

CREATE YOUR OWN STORIES

Write a story about a really big secret. Is it good or bad? Who knows it and why do other people want to know it?

Write a story about a magical orb. What kind of power has it? What can it do?

Write a story about the secrets and surprises that you find in an old cellar.