

**THE SECRETS OF GRINDLEWOOD – BOOK 5**  
**TEACHERS' NOTES FOR THIRD & FOURTH CLASSES**  
**CLASS WORKSHEET 1 – CHAPTERS 1 to 8**

**FACT FILE: GOBLINS**

The goblins that arrive in Grindlewood are a wandering horde. They follow the latest gold find, or even the slightest whiff of gold, wherever it may lead them. They usually leave a labyrinth of tunnels and chambers behind them, somewhere to can return to if they need to. Their magic is dark and can be more powerful than that of other magical people, but it does not make them superior. Far from it. Their grumpy nature and greed for gold often lead them into trouble, and their hideous appearance frightens people, which is also something they enjoy. The goblins' gift for fashioning gold is legendary, and they have made some of the most powerful magical objects ever known.

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**READ AND WRITE**

What do you think happened in the cellar of the house?  
If you were one of the children, where would you hide the orb?  
How will they escape the cave-in and the flood?  
What do you think happened to the orb?

**LET'S DRAW!**

A goblin  
A skeleton  
The cats playing in the garden  
The dogs swimming in a river or lake

**CREATE YOUR OWN STORIES:**

Write a story about goblins. What do they look like? Where do they live? What do they do?

Think of a story about a secret passageway or tomb. Where is it? How did you find it? What do you discover at the end?

Imagine being hurled along on a gushing river. Where does it take you? What do you find? How do you get home?

Make up a few spells!

## BOOK 5 – CLASS WORKSHEET 2 – CHAPTERS: 9 to 16

### **FACT FILE: THE WILLOW WAND**

The willow wand was carved by a Worfagon wand maker. It was at the beginning of Queen Cassandra's reign, when a crafty old goblin offered to endow her new wand with a touch of goblin magic. He offered his craftsmanship as a coronation gift. The queen was delighted, knowing such enchantment would give the wand an extra edge. But it came at a price. Mastering the wand took many years of difficult, tiring work. It is said only Queen Cassandra and later Queen Wanda were the only two who ever did. But its power is awesome, and few could overcome its dark element – the streak of gold down one side, inserted by the goblin goldsmith. Long and elegant, and smooth to touch, every king and queen desired it, and everyone feared it.

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### **READ AND WRITE**

What is making everyone grumpy and nervous?

What spies are in the Grindlewood story and what did they do?

Describe the goblins' criminal court

Whose side is the eagle on? Why do you think so?

### **LET'S DRAW!**

Ripley locked in his cage

King Krag, the goblin king

The eagle landing in the garden

The fairy house

### **CREATE YOUR OWN STORIES**

Write a story about a sneaky spy

Think of a story about a magical orb. What is its power? Is it dangerous? Who can use its magic?

Write a story about Timber and Teddy, and what they will do next

Write a story about Oberon Owl and how he became a Professor of Magical History

## **BOOK 5 – CLASS WORKSHEET 3 – CHAPTERS: 17 to 25**

### **FACT FILE: RAINBOWS**

A rainbow is caused by the reflection of light on water droplets. That's why we often see them when the sun shines after the rain.

The magical rainbow in Grindlewood was captured by Oscar and trapped in an orb, made by his wife Othelia. He was a Worfagon warlock, she was a Wandelei witch. They ran away and hid the orb as they didn't know what to do with what they had made. Years passed, and no one knew the location of the orb. Rumours spoke of the great power inside a mysterious orb, but no one knew if it is was even real, until it turned up in Grindlewood!

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### **READ AND WRITE**

How will the Grindlewood Army win the battle this time?

What is Peabody's proof and will it be enough to send the goblins away?

Who will Timber choose to save and why?

Explain "a prophecy"

### **LET'S DRAW!**

The reindeer amongst the chestnut trees

A rainbow arching high in the sky over a garden

Design a colourful kite

Timber and Teddy asleep in the kennel

### **CREATE YOUR OWN STORIES**

Write a story about spiders invading a house or garden!

Write a story about a special pet

Write a story about a magical rainbow

Write your own adventure in Grindlewood