

## HARRY POTTER: DUMBLEDORE'S ARMY

*I solemnly Swear I am up to no  
Good*

**Welcome Wizards,**

My name is Jenna Faust, and I am so incredibly honored to be the Chair for Harry Potter:

Dumbledore's Army! I have been a Co-Chair for two committees in the past at Mid South Model

UN: SOCHUM, and last year (dash my dream come true): Star Wars: The Jedi Council. I am

thrilled to be chairing for the first time, especially with a topic that practically shaped my

childhood. I am already excited to meet those of you who are as obsessed with this world as

myself and my co-chair, Jenny Sanders are! The Harry Potter series carries some really incredible

themes of resilience, bravery, strength and love, and I think that Dumbledore's Army carries all

of those themes and combines them in an incredibly beautiful way. Before I continue into more

about my process creating this guide, let me tell you more about myself!

I am a senior at Rhodes College, where I am an International Studies Major and Latin

American Studies Minor (lots of studies I know). On campus, I am involved in the Rhodes

Singers and Kappa Delta sorority, where I spend my time making brunch for my sisters and

trying to inspire confidence in young women. I was never one who participated in Model UN

when I was in high school, but in my time at Rhodes, and discovering MSMUN, I have met some truly inspiring people who've encouraged me to work hard to appreciate this institution, one that I have honestly become very connected to over the past two years.

My primary recommendations for you before we dive into this committee are to (re-)read or (re-)watch Harry Potter and The Order of the Phoenix, The Half-Blood Prince, and The Deathly Hallows (Part one at the very least). Although the infiltration of the ministry officially occurs later, Dumbledore's Army is introduced in great detail throughout the fifth movie, meaning that it will be important to watch or read in order to brush up on your character and their role in Dumbledore's Army. I additionally recommend that you use the website Pottermore, to look up specific information for each of your characters who may not be referenced as much in the movies or books.

As I've worked on and revisited this Background Guide, I've re-awakened my passion for the Harry Potter series, for watching and reading about these students and their passion in the fight between good and evil. Despite this committee being based in the wizarding world, I think that the fear and hatred of the other, a dark reality represented by Voldemort, and a threat combated by Dumbledore's Army, is one which has always had the ability to transcend into our world. I believe the prejudice which has already existed in our country and everywhere in the world has recently come to a heightened point where more leaders and groups are reaching

powerful positions by way of feeding into people's prejudice, hatred and fear of the other.  
There

is a great deal of importance, moving into a battle to combat this hatred, in recognizing  
our

privilege in the real world, as we discuss the fear of the other which Voldemort represents. I  
have

come to work to recognize my privilege each day, and encourage all of you to do the same in  
preparation for this committee and in general, as we must all recognize that there is hatred which  
develops out of prejudice which everyone has in this  
world.

At the same time, as much as there is a darkness represented in Voldemort, there is  
an

intense love projected through the bravery and strength in each of these students which also  
transcends into who we are and who we have the opportunity to be each day. With that, it is our  
job as good citizens of the world to defend against the darkness, which lies in simple acts  
of  
goodness, and practicing how we can work for the good of others, something I think Model  
UN

truly represents. If the Harry Potter Series has taught me anything in my life, it is that love will  
always defeat hate. Therefore, I encourage you, Dumbledore's Army, to act with love, so that  
we

can destroy hate. Channel love into this committee, and use it to fight in the name of change,  
in

the name of hope, and in the name of good.

*Mischief  
Managed,*

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## **DUMBLEDORE'S ARMY AND A PLAN OF ATTACK:**

VOLDEMORT HAS INFILTRATED THE MINISTRY OF  
MAGIC

### **Background Guide:**

\*D. A. - Dumbledore's  
Army

\*DATDA - Defense Against The Dark Arts

\*M.O.M. - Ministry of Magic

### **The Rise of Dumbledore's Army**

Dumbledore's Army was officially created by Harry Potter, Hermione Granger, and  
Ron

Weasley, in the aftermath of Ministry enforced changes to the Defense Against the Dark  
Arts

class and overall class curriculum at Hogwarts. Once it was discovered that the  
DATDA

curriculum and new professors: Alecto and Amycus Carrow, would not teach the students at  
Hogwarts how to defend against the more seriously threat posed by Voldemort, and  
his

increasing power in the Wizarding World, Harry, Ron and Hermione took it upon themselves  
to

create a space where students could learn to combat the imminent threat of evil in their  
world.

The group that would come to be known as the Defense Association, and more  
secretly

Dumbledore's Army, originated in a meeting at The Hog's Head in Hogsmeade, where only

Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, and Gryffindor students were allowed to join. Slytherin were  
prevented

from joining as a means of protection against any possible infiltration, or betrayal by to Death

Eaters or the newly founded Inquisitorial squad, led by Dolores Umbridge. Each student in

Dumbledore's Army signed the jinxed parchment created by Hermione to show, in the case of  
being discovered, who betrayed the group. This would be clear by the word "SNEAK" being

written across their forehead. Students in D.A. meet in the Room of Requirement, so that  
they

may stay protected from being discovered while they are taught by Harry how to  
protect

themselves from Voldemort and his followers.

The D.A. was created in the aftermath of intense changes being brought upon

## Hogwarts

by the Ministry in the absence of Dumbledore. The shift in power comes with the leadership of

Dolores Umbridge, High Inquisitor and Headmistress of Hogwarts in the absence of

Dumbledore. With this new leadership and the threat of new professors known to be Death

Eaters, the threat of infiltration at Hogwarts is equally pressing, as is the infiltration of the

ministry. The D.A. was created by an inspired group of students, determined to learn how to

protect themselves against the forces of evil in an increasingly pressured and more dangerously

evil environment. These students, all of you, have joined the D.A for the same reason, you want

to learn how to fight against evil as it becomes more prominent in your world. Despite the lines

between good and evil being blurred at times, you are here to show courage and fight for good

until the end, no matter what.

*“Every great wizard in history has started out as nothing more than what we are now,*

*students. If they can do it, why not us?” - Harry Potter*

## **Ministry of Magic**

The most pressing matter at the moment is that it has become incredibly clear that the

Ministry of Magic has come under the influence of Voldemort himself. The current Minister of

Magic: Cornelius Fudge, refuses to believe Voldemort is back, and is terrified of Dumbledore.

This has allowed for him to be taken advantage of by sinister leaders, including Dolores

Umbridge, who works for the ministry in addition to leading Hogwarts. The Daily Prophet has

become a paper flooded with anti-muggle propaganda, and a smear campaign against Harry

Potter. It is likely that official Infiltration by Voldemort officially begins during the Second

Wizarding War, which we are currently in the midst of. In addition to the overwhelming amount

of propaganda being spread by the ministry, their new slogan, “Magic is Might”, is a clear sign

of Voldemorts’s influence, as he believes that wizards are superior to muggles. This is

additionally shown in the creation of the Muggle - Born Registration Commission, an attempt to

separate muggle born wizards from pureblood wizards.

*“Magic is Might” - The Ministry’s New Slogan*

**Dilemma of Dumbledore’s Army : How to Combat Voldemort’s Infiltration of the Ministry**

**of Magic** The D.A is a group of students united in the fight to protect themselves from rising evil.

Voldemort's presence and influence is becoming increasingly strong in politics, education, and

the overall mindset of fear in the world around them. The infiltration of the M.O.M., and one of

the most influential schools in the Wizarding World, Hogwarts, is a sign of the power

Voldemort's voice of hatred is starting to grow. The D.A. has an opportunity to fight back

against this rising evil in the face of the infiltration of the M.O.M. and it is up to the determined

members of the D.A. to figure out how to proceed with their mission to protect others and defend

themselves against the dark arts.

Furthermore, the D.A. must work to find a solution for how to resolve the pressing matter

of this infiltration as it deeply impacts the coming battle of good vs. evil. How can the D.A. fight

to defeat Voldemort, as he continues to spread his influence and message of hate throughout the

Ministry of Magic, Hogwarts, and the entire Wizarding World? With the Ministry already

infiltrated and Hogwarts being close to it, Dumbledore's Army must come together to create a

plan to combat this as they gain more knowledge in becoming better wizards. The D.A. must

unite to fight for good at their school and work with Harry, Ron and Hermione as they plan to

combat Voldemort's influence in the time period of separation. This may come to battle, but the

D.A must be prepared to fight, for the sake of generations to come.

## **CHARACTER LIST**

Please Note: Despite the groups disbandment during the 1996-1997 school year, we are

including members from both periods in which Dumbledore's Army was working to defeat

Voldemort and the forces of evil.

**Harry Potter:** (Role of the Chair)

**Hermione Granger:** (Role of the Co-Chair)

### **DUMBLEDORE'S ARMY**

**Ron  
Weasley**

**Ginny Weasley**

**Fred Weasley**

**George Weasley**

**Neville Longbottom**

**Luna  
Lovegood**

**Cho Chang**

**Seamus Finnigan**

**Marietta  
Edgecombe**

**Colin  
Creevey**

**Dennis  
Creevey**

**Hannah  
Abbott**

**Lavender Brown**

**Susan Bones  
Parvati Patil**

**Padma Patil**

**Dean  
Thomas**

**Katie Bell**

**Angelina  
Johnson**

**Alicia Spinnet**

**Zacharias  
Smith**

**Michael Corner**

**Terry Boot**

**Anthony  
Goldstein**

**Justin Finch -  
Fletcherley**

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