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The Harry Potter Film Series

The Harry Potter film series is famous all over the world and is loved by children, teenagers and adults. It's based on the books by JK Rowling. The first film, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, was released in 2001. The whole series consists of eight fantasy films.

The story begins when 11-year-old orphan Harry discovers that his parents were wizards and he starts his education in magic at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. There he makes two close friends, Ron and Hermione, who share his adventures.

Each film ends dramatically, often with a battle between Harry and his worst enemy, the evil wizard Lord Voldemort. There's a huge variety of characters, including students, professors, dark wizards, ghosts and fantasy creatures. Non-magic people are called Muggles.

The films are mainly set in Hogwarts, an ancient castle with moving staircases, talking portraits and a dark forest where strange and dangerous creatures live. The special effects are amazing and make magic seem completely possible! The wizards' favourite sport, Quidditch, is played on broomsticks. Different techniques were used to create the effects that make the actors look as if they're flying.

The films are imaginative, funny, frightening and, of course, magical. What makes them so successful is that they combine action, fantasy and friendship. If you like adventure and magic, you'll love the Harry Potter films!　(224 words)

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