

Neville and Snape

Things didn't improve for the Gryffindors as the Potions lesson continued. Snape put them all into pairs and set them to mixing up a simple potion to cure boils. He swept around in his long black cloak, watching them weigh dried nettles and crush snake fangs, criticising almost everyone except Malfoy, whom he seemed to like. He was just telling everyone to look at the perfect way Malfoy had stewed his horned slugs when clouds of acid green smoke and a loud hissing filled the dungeon. Neville had somehow managed to melt Seamus's cauldron into a twisted blob and their potion was seeping across the stone floor, burning holes in people's shoes. Within seconds, the whole class were standing on their stools while Neville, who had been drenched in the potion when the cauldron collapsed, moaned in pain as angry red boils sprang up all over his arms and legs.



'Idiot boy!' snarled Snape, clearing the spilled potion away with one wave of his wand. 'I suppose you added the porcupine quills before taking the cauldron off the fire?'

Neville whimpered as boils started to pop up all over his nose.

'Take him up to the hospital wing,' Snape spat at Seamus. Then he rounded on Harry and Ron, who had been working next to Neville.

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Hogwarts School Report

Name: Neville Longbottom	Age: 11	House: Gryffindor	Attendance: 100%
General behaviour: Neville is a shy boy who tries his hardest, although sometimes his clumsiness and lack of focus detracts from his learning. He is particularly close with his pet toad Trevor, which is good, as he sometimes struggles to make friends.			
Potions: Neville lacks attention to detail and unfortunately there is always a worry that he will hurt himself or others in my lessons. He is one of my least capable students.	Transfiguration: Neville finds this area difficult and he has even been unable to transfigure the simplest of items into a small animal.	Charms: Neville lacks confidence in this subject but he is enthusiastic and has a talent if he can practise more and master basic charms.	
History of Magic: Neville struggles with this subject and I would suggest extra homework to get up to speed with Goblin Rebellions of the 17 th and 18 th century.	Herbology: Neville shows real potential in herbology. He shows a good understanding of the subject. Keep up the good work Neville.	Care of Magical Creatures: Neville is a very caring young man and he clearly loves animals, although his lack of confidence can make the animals nervous and unpredictable.	
Defence against the Dark Arts: As yet Neville has shown little promise, although given that his parents were both aurors, we would expect him to flourish in this area at some point, hopefully.			
Sport: Neville has tried very hard but he has failed to master the art of flying on a broomstick, even breaking a wrist, so as yet he has not taken part in any Quidditch games.	House points: -3	Pupil comments: <i>I do try my hardest but I always seem to end up doing something wrong. It is hard following in my parent's footsteps.</i>	
Head of House comments: From his teacher's comments, it is clear that Neville tries very hard. He clearly struggles in certain areas despite this, however with a bit more focus and maturity he should do well in the coming years.			