

For The Teachers

Seeing ***The Wizard's Apprentice*** is a great way to get your students excited about reading. Magic has always captivated children and is a great tool that can be used to encourage the development of good reading skills. During the show, Harriet, the apprentice, discovers that one the greatest secrets to magic and life is possessing good reading skills and knowing how to find the books she needs. One of the tricks in the production cleverly lays out the basics of the ***Dewey Decimal System***. This is an ideal springboard for an in-depth study of the system as well as other library skills. This can also be used as a refresher session.

The program truly has something for all ages. Young children in the beginning stages of reading are inspired to read. Those who do read are encouraged to sharpen their skills and learn how to find information. Adults will be just as astounded as the children are with the high caliber of magic presented during the story. This guide offers many activities and resources for you and your students to explore. Enjoy!

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- 1) What were the character's names?
The wizard's name was _____
The apprentice was _____
The bad villain was _____
- 2) How do many libraries organize their books?

- 3) What was hidden in the Globe?

- 4) What did Willard call Lotar. *Hint: it sounds like wizard.*

- 5) What was the name of the famous magician that Harriet was supposed to study?

- 6) In addition to the Dewey Decimal System, what does Willard use to keep track of the books in his library?

- 7) In addition to magic, what was Harry Houdini famous for?

- 8) What trick did it take Harriet a few attempts to master?

- 9) Willard told Harriet she would have to observe the "three P's".
Do you remember what they are?



Willard's Bookshelf

Willard needs to put back some books in his library. Look at the Dewey Decimal Number on the spine of each book to determine which shelf it should go on. Then, help him by writing the letter from the cover of each book on the proper shelf. If a shelf has more than one book on it, place the books in proper numerical order.

000-099 Reference
100-199 Philosophy and Psychology
200-299 Religion
300-399 Social Sciences
400-499 Language
500-599 Basic Sciences
600-699 Applied Sciences
700-799 The Arts
800-899 Literature
900-999 Geography

