

# The major internal and external conflict of harry potter in "harry potter and the...

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Name: Nathaniel Tirado Class: 604 Title: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone Author: J. K. Rowling Genre: Fiction Date Started/Date Finished: 9/21/12 - 9/27/12 No. of Pages: 309 pgs. I found the book " Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" fascinating. It's about the classic struggle between good and evil. Harry Potter was challenged with internal and external conflicts. Because of Harry Potter's bravery and humility, he overcame these conflicts. One of Harry's major internal conflicts in the story is that because of his miserable childhood, he desperately longs for connection with his mother and father. Harry's aunt and uncle had lied to him and told him his parents died in a car accident. It was very upsetting to Harry when he found out they were actually murdered by his future nemesis. There is a mirror called the Mirror of Erised which plays an important role in this internal conflict. The mirror shows what you desperately desire most. While at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, Harry managed to sneak a gaze in the mirror. He saw his parents and other family members standing around him in the mirror. Harry realizes that because he has never known his parents, his heart's deepest desire is to have a connection with his family. Harry's greatest external conflict was risking his life to fight Voldemort, his evil nemesis, and keep him from acquiring the Sorcerer's stone. Voldemort, who is in a spirit form, needs the stone to allow him a physical body. At one point, Voldemort tries to convince Harry to join him but refused to. During the fight, Harry faints before he has a chance to destroy Voldemort. When Harry awakes in the school hospital he realizes that, even though Voldemort escaped, he kept him from acquiring the Sorcerer's stone. Harry's courage,

perseverance, and understanding of himself allowed him to overcome his conflicts.