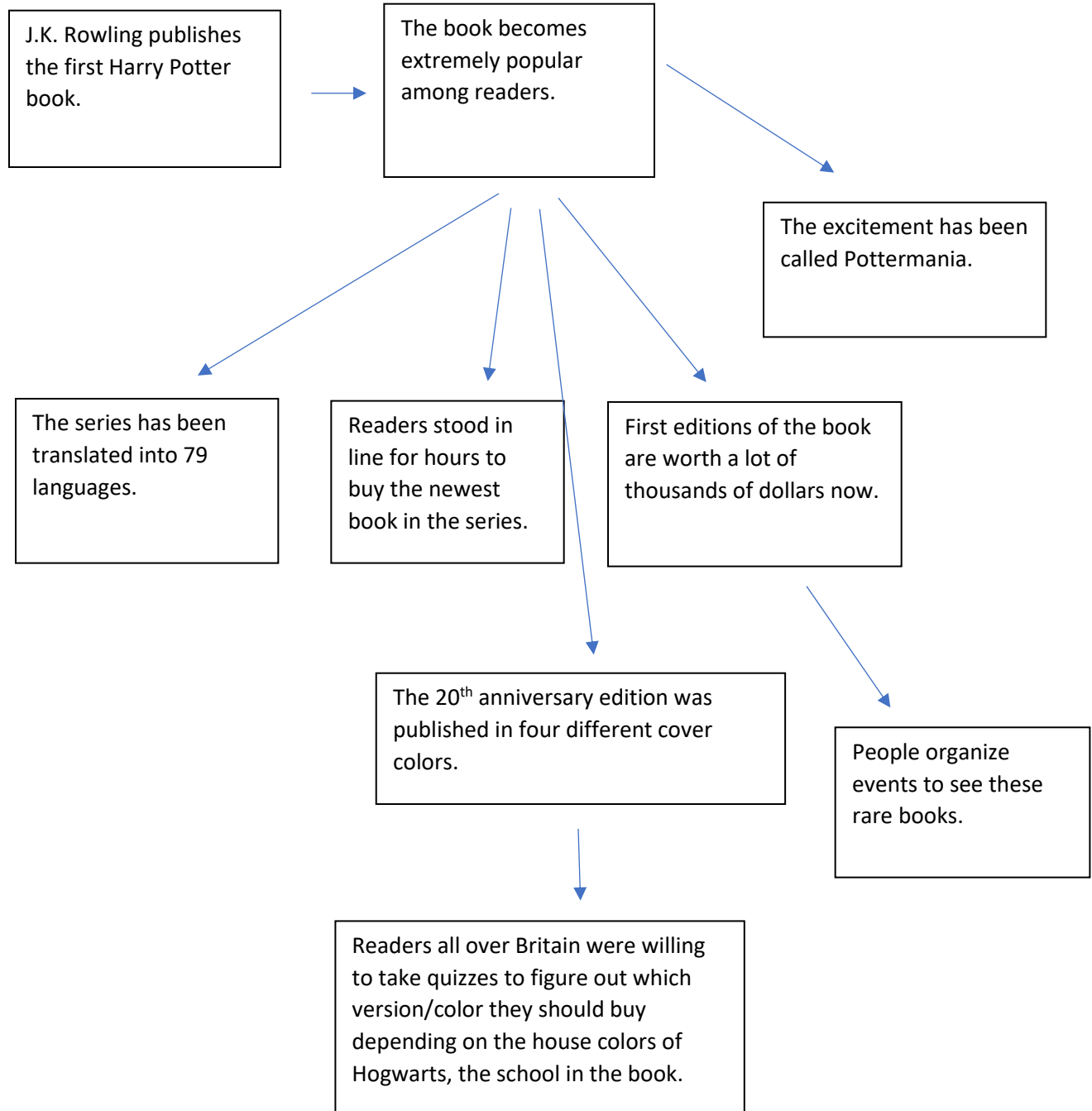


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Thinking Map



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Personal Response

The Harry Potter series connects to our unit “Life is not fair” from the very beginning. Harry is an orphan whose relatives treat him like a servant, as if losing your parents wasn’t already bad enough. It’s easy to see why people such as Kimberley Best were brought out of “bad time(s)” in their lives by reading about Harry. A story about magic captured children’s imaginations and probably helped them forget their own troubles. Perhaps they learned to act like Harry, who didn’t let his upbringing with the Dursleys turn him into a mean person. That’s one way to deal with life when it’s unfair; stay positive so that you are open to new opportunities like making friends at a new school. People who were able to benefit personally from having read Harry Potter feel such a sense of connection and gratitude to the series that, like Best, they are attending the events like the one described in the article. They’re lining up just to see first editions of the book that meant so much to them.

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Critic Response

Fiction can have a powerful influence on people's lives. In "Pottermania Runs Wild As the First Harry Potter Book Turns 20," the article describes how the Harry Potter series has become so popular and influential that the 20th anniversary of the first book's publication is being celebrated by so many. The article would be a great read for people who are interested in these books or who are looking for book recommendations. If the series is so popular that it has been translated into 79 languages, then it's likely that it would be a fun and attention-grabbing read for lots of people. Also, Diana Gerald, the head of a charity about youth reading, says, "Harry Potter has had a huge impact on a generation of children, who became so obsessed with reading that they would queue for hours to get their hands on the next book." This shows that these children formed a positive relationship with reading thanks to the series. Standing in line for hours shows that the books made them happy enough to be willing to do that. The article's strengths were describing the different ways Potter fans were celebrating the series' anniversary so that the audience could understand how widespread the books' popularity is. Stories can have a powerful effect that can bring joy to millions.

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Vocabulary

generation: a group of people born or living during the same time. Page 1, first section. Sentence: I was born in the generation that was still in elementary school when the first Harry Potter book was published.

poverty: the state of being poor or not having money. Page 1, second section. Sentence: Other authors who are now famous like J.K. Rowling also overcame poverty and worrying about making money with their writing, such as Stephen King whose books used to get rejected over and over before finally becoming popular and making lots of money.

queue: to stand in line waiting for something. Page 1, second section. Sentence: The excited fans queued in a line that stretched around the block in order to attend the first showing of the movie they had been waiting for all summer.

exhibition: an event in which something of importance is shown off. Page 1, section 3. Sentence: The museum held an exhibition of antique, famous books, and the event was attended by people from all over the world.

edition: a version of a published text. Page 2, section 1. Sentence: First editions are versions of books that were printed the first time a book was published, so books that become popular and are reprinted many times later have very valuable first editions.

manuscripts: the original copy of a book or other text before it has been printed. Page 2, section 2. Sentence: The old manuscript dates back to the 1800s and is brittle and faded, unlike the crisp, fresh copies of the book you can buy at a bookstore.

philanthropist: someone who is dedicated to giving money and supporting charities. Page 2, section 2. The millionaire who made her fortune creating a popular phone app regularly donates money to and publicly supports the Make a Wish Foundation.

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Objective Summary

The seven book Harry Potter series is celebrating its twentieth anniversary. There was a special symbolic hashtag to commemorate the anniversary. In England, numerous celebrations focus on crafts, quizzes and music. The series influenced an entire generation. The books were a positive influence on a generation of young people who were experiencing difficulty in their lives. The novels have become part of a special exhibit at the National Library in Scotland. J.K. Rowling sold over 450 million books. These books have influenced the publishing industry by earning \$825 million. This franchise has taken J. K. Rowling from poverty to philanthropy.