



Three Brothers

General Instructions:

This Task has two parts: **Part 1** has two questions; **Part 2** has a letter.



Instructions to be begin:

You will carefully read all three sources. Write down the important points from the sources in the space provided. It will help you to have your important points to look at while answer the questions in **Part 1** and for writing your letter in **Part 2**. Reread the sources if you need to.



Source 1

Analysis of The Tale of Three Brothers

This story revolves around the three brothers' encounter with death, and their true character when it comes to their individual morals and desires. Being skilled in magical arts, they were successful in crossing the treacherous river that Death used to take many passersby with him. Yes, Death was angry, but also cunning, and in his cunning ways, he tricked the three brothers to only come closer to his trap, through the gifts they chose to take from him as a reward of their skills, skills that kept Death from taking them for his own, at least initially.

The first brother, possibly *Antioch Peverell*, is described to be a combatant man, who wished to become invincible, and therefore, asks from Death a wand that no one can defeat. And being rewarded so, he not only kills the wizard with whom he had quarreled, but proudly brags upon this "Stick of Death" that made him invincible. This invites more enemies into his life, and the greed for power gets him killed. In simple words, the lust for the most powerful wand costs him his life, and Death's cunning plan worked in Death's own favour.

The second brother, *Cadmus Peverell*, is an arrogant being, whose desired gift was asked with an intention of humiliating Death more than his elder brother. While the Elder Wand made the elder brother fight Death, the second brother wanted the power to bring back dead ones to life. The Resurrection Stone was nothing more than a mirage, where what came back was a shadow, not the entire living person, and therefore, when the second brother used the stone to call his beloved but couldn't truly get her back, he killed himself, eventually falling into Death's trap.

The third brother, *Ignotus Peverell*, is characterized as a humble and wise man who didn't trust Death. He didn't want to humiliate, belittle, or even face him. Therefore, he asked for a gift that would prevent Death from following him. Note that Death was hesitant, reluctant to grant this gift, but he did. The youngest brother lived a content life, he didn't seek power over anything, but lived a modest life. And when he was ready, he himself removed the cloak, gave it to his son, and met Death as an old friend, greeting him as an equal.

Out of the three brothers, it was only the youngest brother who just wished to live peacefully being hidden from Death, while the other two brothers wished to conquer him, either by being able to resist it, or by reversing its effects. Ironically, those who wished to conquer death succumbed to its trap, and he who wished to not do so, lived a contented life and willfully removed the cloak when he was ready to die.



The Elder Wand, the most powerful wand in the world; the Resurrection Stone that can call back the dead; and the Cloak of Invisibility that can hide one from death, together, they make the Deathly Hallows, together they make on the "Master of Death." However, at the end of it all, none of the owners of these articles could actually escape death, could they?

Source 2

An Alternate Interpretation

Some speculators suggest that the characters of The Three Brothers correspond to *Voldemort*, *Severus Snape*, and *Harry Potter* himself, although, not completely. Voldemort was a lot like the oldest brother, who was hungry for power, quick in taking revenge, and killing all who came in between him and his quest for becoming the most powerful wizard in the world.

Speaking of the nature of the second brother, he was arrogant, and was still grieving upon the death of his love, quite similar to the plight of Severus Snape. And yes, although he didn't hang himself to reunite with Lily Potter, she was the very person he lived for ..., she was the very person he thought of when he died. Although we have hated Snape for his arrogance and humiliating tendencies all through the series, his best side shows only in the final book of the series.

The third brother's humble demeanor is quite like Harry's, who never sought power, or didn't even think of being arrogant towards anyone. He just wanted to live a simple life, in peace and happiness. And so he did, using his inherited Cloak of Invisibility to help defeat the enemy, and eventually denying the ownership of the Elder Wand and the Resurrection Stone, both of which also belonged to him at the end of it all.



Source 3

Moral of the Story

The story of the Deathly Hallows conveys a lot more than what words denote. It doesn't just tell us about the fate of the three brothers, but also the nature of death itself. Death is cunning and treacherous, and what makes us all the more vulnerable to it is the fact that irrespective of knowing it to be inevitable, we wish to master it. What this tale teaches us all is the understanding of not meddling with the inevitable, not trusting the very thing/person whose nature is to cheat, such as death.

What saved the youngest brother from an untimely death was him being wise enough to not trust the treacherous and cunning enemy that pretended to be friendly at the time. As wise and clever we may think that we are, there are entities, situations, people who are slyer than our perception. Therefore, when facing the most unlikely situations, where an enemy claims to be a rewarding friend, or where your defeating move is appreciated by the one on the losing side, it is best to be as humble and modest as one can be. An enemy who has tasted defeat from you can never give you a fruitful gift on his own accord.

Therefore, it is best to be like the youngest brother, who chose to go his own way, without being followed by death, be it in enmity, or "friendship." This tale will be one of the many lessons that will stay with us all the while, as we recall the magical and enriching journey of Harry Potter.



Write the important points from the sources

Source 1	
Source 2	
Source 3	

**Instructions for Part 1**

Now that you have read the sources, answer the questions below. You may refer to the important points you made, as well as the sources. Your answer to these questions will help you to write your letter in Part 2.

1. For each of the following statements, indicate using a check (✓) whether the information in Source 1, Source 2, Source 3, both source 1 and source 2, or neither sources supports each statement. (Only one box should be ticked for each statement).

Statement	Source 1 Supports	Source 2 Supports	Source 3 Supports	Both source 1 and source 2 support	Neither source 1, 2 or 3 supports
<i>Ignotus Peverell</i> , is characterized as a humble and wise man who didn't trust Death.					
The third brother denied ownership of the Elder Wand and the Resurrection Stone, both of which also belonged to him at the end of it all.					



An enemy who has tasted defeat from you can never give you a fruitful gift on his own accord.					
The second brother, was an arrogant person.					
All three brothers chosen the same destination.					

2. Which detail in **Source 1** shows you that the youngest brother was considered to the wisest of the three brothers. Use details from **Source 2** and **Source 3** to support your answer.



Part 2

Read the task, and the information about your letter carefully, then begin your work.

Task:

Many people believe that **"An enemy who has tasted defeat from you can never give you a fruitful gift on his own accord."**

Using the information, you have written from Source 1, 2 and 3, write a letter to a classmate or a neighbour in which you give four seasons why you **agree** or **disagree** with the above statement.

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