

# Ministry Of Magic



**BELLATRIX LESTRANGE AND  
BARTY CROUCH JR. AMONG  
OTHERS ESCAPE AZKABAN**

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Committee | **Ministry of Magic (MOM)**

Topic | **Bellatrix Lestrange and Barty Crouch Jr. among others escape Azkaban**



## I. Letter to Delegates

Dear ministers,

It's an honor to be able to welcome you to SPISMUN 2024. The committee you have been assigned to is the Ministry of Magic (MOM). My name is Eugenia Gonzalez, and I will be your moderator, guiding you through this magical world Roberta Zuñiga will be your director

We appreciate you making the effort to be in this Model United Nations. This is an opportunity for you to show off your skills and gain knowledge. You will be working as a team, pursuing the best solutions for the Ministry. We expect you to debate and come up with the most effective actions for the committee. We are really looking forward to seeing you here. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. (eugeniagonzalez\_a@sanpatricio.edu.mx)

We hope you have fun in this MUN model. We are excited to see your debating skills.

Good luck, ministers,

Your moderator, Eugenia Gonzalez

Your director, Roberta Zuñiga

## II. History of Committee

The Ministry of Magic was created in 1707 and is located in the heart of London. The structure was completely underground. The Ministry has the position to enforce laws like the law against the use of magic by underage wizards, and the law against wands used by non-wizards, among others, while still maintaining secrecy.

The Ministry of Magic was formed as a replacement for the Council Wizards. The Wizards' Council was an assembly that governed the wizarding community of Britain for centuries before the establishment of the Ministry of Magic.

Each new Muggle Prime Minister receives a visit from the Minister for Magic, who informs them of the existence of the wizarding world. The Minister explains that they will contact them only in circumstances in which the events of the Wizarding World may affect Muggles. The Minister for Magic is democratically elected, although there have been times of crisis in which it has simply been offered to an individual without a public vote (Albus Dumbledore was made an offer, and he turned it down several times). Ministers of Magic tend to last much longer than Muggle ministers. The Muggle Prime Minister has no vote in the election of the Minister for Magic, whose decision is a matter only for the magical community themselves. No Muggle Prime Minister has ever set foot in the Ministry of Magic.

During the period of the Dark Lord, the Minister of Magic worked with the Muggle Prime Minister to ensure protection for the Muggle world. The wizarding courts have shown a marked lack of interest in searching for evidence for a suspect, even relying on personal prejudice to decide the outcome as quickly as possible; not all of the accused are even given trials.

## III. History of Topic

Death Eaters are a group of Voldemort supporters. This group is formed by the witches and wizards who use dark magic. Their violence has made them a deadly and dangerous force. Death Eaters wore masks to avoid detection, they are recognizable by their Dark Mark, a skull with a serpent in its mouth branded on their left forearms.

Hidden Death Eaters helped Bellatrix Lestrange, a dangerous witch and one of Lord Voldemort's closest allies, escape from the wizard prison. She was sent to Azkaban for using the Unforgivable Cruciatius Curse to torture Frank and Alice Longbottom (a family working for the Order of the Phoenix). Barty Crouch Jr. another one of Lord Voldemort's followers, was also sent to Azkaban for his involvement in the capture and torture of the Longbottoms. He was also busted out of Azkaban illicitly.

Azkaban is the island prison in the middle of the North Sea and retains the most dangerous wizards and witches. Azkaban is guarded by dementors (one of the most terrifying creatures in the wizarding world). These creatures are fed with human happiness generating a terrible feeling. In the worst-case scenario, a dementor's kiss would allow the dementor to consume a human's soul.

The Longbottoms, (who were tortured with the Cruciatius curse) eventually became crazy. They were permanently placed in St. Mungo's hospital and sadly, weren't able to recognize their own son Neville Longbottom.

#### **IV. Introduction Topic**

The Death Eaters, whose identity wasn't not known until these days, helped Bellatrix Lestrange and Barty Crouch Jr. escape from Azkaban. The Dead Eaters are causing chaos and destroying administrative government buildings.

Muggles (those who show no magical abilities) are starting to notice the damage to their buildings. This is forcing them to believe there is another world they don't know about. Other Dead Eaters, who are prisoners in Azkaban, are escaping (with the dementors' help who have been bribed to Voldemort's side) to join their compatriots in chaos. Bellatrix Lestrange and Barty Crouch Jr. are both allies of Lord Voldemort; they are dangerous wizards who have used unforgivable curses, such as the Cruciatius Curse, which causes unbearable pain; the Imperius Curse, which allows the user to control the actions of the victim; and Avada Kedavra, which causes instant death.

## **V. Key Players**

### **Order of the Phoenix**

The Order of the Phoenix is a secret organization founded by Albus Dumbledore to fight Lord Voldemort. It was created in 1970 but assembled back in 1995, the year Lord Voldemort returned. The Order was made up of wizards like James and Lily Potter, the Longbottoms before they were cursed, Sirius Black, Peter Pettigrew, and Remus Lupin, among others.

### **Dumbledore's Army**

Dumbledore's Army was a secret organization opened by Hermione Granger, Ron Weasley, and Harry Potter in 1995. This organization taught defense against the dark arts to Hogwarts students because their dark arts professor, Dolores Umbridge, only taught textbook theory. Harry Potter was in charge of teaching some of the members of this organization, which participated in the battle at the Astronomy Tower.

### **The Wizengamot**

The modern Wizengamot functioned as a combination court and parliament. It was made by around fifty members. The election process for the members is unclear, though the minister for magic has some power over the final selection. This organization was in charge of judging the case of Barty Crouch Jr. and Bellatrix Lestrange.

### **The Department for the Regulation and Control of Magical Creatures**

The Department for the Regulation and Control of Magical Creatures is the second largest department in the Ministry of Magic. It is divided into three divisions, categorizing three magical creatures: beasts and spirits. They were the ones in charge of the magical creatures, taking care of the most dangerous ones, like dementors. They were also making sure the creatures stayed far from the muggles.

## **The Unspeakables**

An unspeakable is a wizard or witch who works in the Ministry of Magic in the Department of Mysteries. In this department, they have a wall full of prophecies. Unspeakables are unable to remove prophecies from the wall of prophecy or even take them off their shelves since prophecies can only be removed by the people those prophecies talk about. Anyone else who attempts to do it, he or she will be attacked by the defensive spells placed on the prophecies, resulting in significant mental harm. In 1995, they tried to steal the prophecies of Harry Potter and Lord Voldemort.

## **VI. Current Status**

Bellatrix Lestrange and Barty Crouch Jr. are very powerful wizards. If they are out of Azkaban they could be very dangerous, since both of them are Lord Voldemort's allies and they have done terrible things to innocent people just because Lord Voldemort tells them to do it.

They also planned secret meetings with all the other Voldemort's allies, so they could harm innocent people. This puts in danger the peace between the Wizarding World and the Muggle World, which could put the secrecy in jeopardy.

Bellatrix and Barty Jr. have a lot of enemies such as Albus Dumbledore, Harry Potter, and the people that were present during the trial day that got them inside Azkaban. Their being in liberty is a danger to their enemies and to everyone. Their freedom could cause chaos and trouble in both the Wizarding World and the Muggle World putting in danger everyone who faces them.

## **VII. Guiding Questions**

- What is your minister's work in the Ministry of Magic?
- How is your minister related to the topic?
- How did the escape of Bellatrix Lestrange and Barty Crouch Jr. impact Azkaban?

- What actions has the Ministry of Magic taken to address these issues?
- What was the wizards' reaction when hearing that Bellatrix and Barty had escaped Azkaban?
- What other prisoners escaped during this chaos?
- Has someone been attacked by Bellatrix Lestrange or Barty Crouch Jr.?

## VIII. Position Paper Guide

### Heading:

Minister: (Minister name)

Delegate: (your name)

School : (your school name)

Topic: (topic of the committee)

### First paragraph:

Explain the topic, you can direct yourself with the guiding questions previously written.

### Second paragraph:

Explain about your minister. What do they do at the Ministry? How they are related to the topic?

### Third paragraph:

Your solutions for the problem in the topic

### Fourth paragraph:

The links from where you got the information in APA format

Remember, you may use personal pronouns!

Good luck ministers, on this new adventure that you're going to take on, and welcome to SPISMUN 2024. See you in April!

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