

# Character Contrast/Comparison Assignment

## Percy Jackson vs Harry Potter

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I will do a comparison of Percy Jackson, from Percy Jackson and The Olympians series, and Harry Potter, from the Harry Potter series. I will compare and contrast their similarities and differences in terms of appearance, personality, actions, motives, and the worlds they live in.

### Appearance

Percy and Harry are similar in appearance in that they both have messy black hair and green eyes. A difference between the two is that Harry wears glasses and Percy does not. Also, Percy wears a Camp Half Blood t-shirt with any type of bottom while Harry must wear a school uniform consisting of a black robe, sweater and a tie. In the first book of both series each character is described this way.

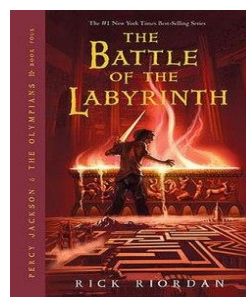


## Personality

A personality Percy and Harry share is being mischievous. In the second Percy Jackson book, Percy thought maybe he should go on a quest that is not his. He sneaks out with his friends to go on this quest and does not ask to leave camp even when it is a requirement to ask to leave. Similarly, Harry once snuck out after curfew to see Hagrid when he was not allowed to leave the common room. Harry and Percy also share the trait of loyalty. Harry is always loyal to his friends. An example is when Cedric's spirit asked Harry to bring his dead body back to his father, so Harry did this as he is always willing to help a friend in need. Likewise, Percy is loyal which is his fatal flaw. He will risk his life for anyone, like when he warned enemy demigods the Princess Andromeda was about to explode.

A personality difference between Harry and Percy is that Percy is impulsive and Harry can often be strategic. In the labyrinth, Annabeth tells Percy to stay put while she checks something out. Does Percy listen? NO! He goes and spies on other monsters. In Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire, before the first challenge Harry strategically plans to use a spell that will bring his broomstick to him so he can take the dragon's egg. Another difference is that Harry is a leader and Percy is a follower. In the fifth Harry Potter book, Harry creates Dumbledore's army and he is the leader. In the Percy Jackson series, Annabeth usually leads armies because she is a child of Athena.

I Solemnly  
Swear that  
I am Up to  
No Good



## Actions

A similar action between Percy and Harry is that they work with friends as they face dangers. In the first book of Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Percy goes on a quest with Annabeth and Grover. They faced a lot of great dangers along the way. In the first Harry Potter book, Ron, Hermione, and Harry go down into the chamber that Fluffy, the three headed dog, is guarding. They face a lot of great dangers that they all need to work through together. Another similarity is that they go to mentors for help. Percy goes to Chiron, a centaur, for help as he is the mentor for all of Camp Half Blood, and Harry goes to Dumbledore. Percy once went to Chiron to ask Clarisse's quest and why he could not go on it. Harry went to Dumbledore in the 6<sup>th</sup> book to discuss Horcruxes and how to destroy Voldemort.

A difference between Percy and Harry is that they use different battle tactics. Percy uses godly power and a celestial bronze sword called Riptide while Harry uses a magic wand that chose him. In the first Percy Jackson book, Percy used his godly powers to knock Aries off his feet. Throughout the Harry Potter series, Harry often uses the spell "expecto patronum" to get rid of dementors. Another difference is that Percy's powers come to him and Harry's powers must be learned. Percy was born a demigod which means he can realize his potential through experience. As a wizard, Harry's powers can only be learned.



Riptide



Harry's wand

## Motives

Percy and Harry both have similar motives, one being that they protect their home and friends. Percy always wants to protect Camp Half Blood and Harry always wants to protect Hogwarts. Another motive they share is that they are both trying to take down evil. In every single book, Percy is somehow involved in destroying Kronos or trying to stop Kronos from doing something. Similarly, Harry is always trying to stop Voldemort since book one. Kronos and Voldemort are both trying to take over the world.

The motivation differences between Percy and Harry are that Percy is motivated by Annabeth, his love interest, while Harry is motivated by his parents, whom he loved in a different way. An example for Percy is that when he bathed in the river Styx, he had to focus on something important to him so he did not disintegrate. He focused on Annabeth. In the last Harry Potter book, Harry was on his way to confront Voldemort when he had a vision of his parents.



Annabeth



Harry's parents

## Worlds

Harry and Percy live in very similar worlds that are magical havens for people with special abilities – Harry Potter is Hogwarts and Percy Jackson is Camp Half Blood. Another similar thing is that in both places you cannot use technology. If you use technology at Hogwarts the

magical aura will be too powerful. If a demigod uses technology at Camp Half Blood, it will attract monsters and you might be their dinner! One difference between the two worlds is Hogwarts is not open to stay during the summer but Camp Half Blood is. As a result, Harry had to go to his Uncle's house where he had to live a life under the stairs. Percy stayed at Camp Half Blood every summer. Another difference between the worlds is Hogwarts is a normal school with studying and tests, whereas at Camp Half Blood students just learn survival skills.



Hogwarts



Camp Half Blood

### Conclusion

Thank you for reading this. You managed to stay awake! Huzzah! If you ever come across the Percy Jackson or Harry Potter series I have two words for you... READ THEM!