

Comparing and Contrasting Harry Potter and Spider-man

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There are many similarities and differences between Harry Potter from the *Harry Potter* series and Peter Parker/Spider-man from the Marvel Cinematic Universe. They can be compared and contrasted by looking at their appearances, personalities, actions/motives, and the settings in which their movies and books take place.

Harry Potter and Peter Parker look somewhat the same. They both have dark hair colors-Peter has brown hair, while Harry has black. Also, they both wear uniforms to perform certain tasks. Peter Parker wears a Spider-Suit to be a superhero, and Harry wears a Quidditch uniform to play Quidditch. They do look different, too. Harry has glasses and a scar, whereas Peter Parker has neither of those things.

Harry and Spider-man are also similar personality-wise. They are both brave and throw themselves in front of danger, even though they could die, and they both are

helpful by saving lives. In *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, Harry saves Ginny Weasley by killing the basilisk, even though the basilisk is venomous. In *Spider-man: Homecoming*, Spider-man almost dies on the Washington Monument trying to stop the elevator from falling and killing his friends, who were inside. Even though their personalities are a lot alike, Harry has a lot of emotions, which sometimes makes him angrier than Spider-man. Spider-man is also more independent than Harry. He works more alone, whereas Harry often needs his friends, Ron and Hermione, to help him.

Both Harry and Peter have supernatural abilities, which are made stronger by a tool. Peter Parker can climb walls and sense danger on his own. When he is Spider-man, he has a suit that gives him webs to shoot, and lets him communicate with the other Avengers. Harry has the ability to speak parseltongue, but with his wand, he can perform all kinds of spells. They use these supernatural abilities and their tools to defend and protect. They also both defeat their villains. Harry has Voldemort; Spider-man has Vulture and Mysterio. They do this because the villains want to destroy everything and they must be stopped. Harry and Peter can be different in this category, too, for instance, Spider-man hides his identity, and Harry does not. Peter does this because if everyone knows who he is, it will make his job a lot harder. They also try to both live normal lives, but Harry cannot because he is famous. Peter Parker tries to because superhero-ing is chaotic, and there is always the chance he could fail or die.

Setting is the place and time in which the story is set. Parts of both movies take place in the sky. In *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, Harry and the Order of the Phoenix have a battle in the sky with Voldemort's Death-Eaters. In *Spider-man:*

Homecoming, Spider-man clung onto the bottom of the Avenger's jet to stop Vulture. Both characters also visit a city. Harry goes to London, and Spider-man lives in New York City. Some of the settings are different, too. Peter goes to a normal high school, and Harry Potter goes to Hogwarts, a castle. Also, some of Harry's actions take place in some not-so obvious locations, like the Room of Requirement, whereas Spider-man's actions happen more out in the open.

Here are just some of the similarities and differences for the appearances, personalities, actions/motives, and settings between Harry Potter and Spider-man. Clearly, these two characters can be very similar, but also very different.