



Chapter 12

Keep Calm and Expecto Patronum

What is your Patronus?

Suggested Duration: 50 min.

Lesson Objectives

Students will learn what a Patronus is and how it is linked to the person creating it.

Students will explore positive memories and ways to fend off depression/dementors.

Create a Patronus that represents the student.

Summary of Tasks/Actions

Lesson Planning:

- 1) Students should have finished reading Chapter 12.
- 2) Put the following quote on the board/white board:

“The Patronus is a kind of positive force, a projection of the very things that the Dementors feed upon – hope, happiness, the desire to survive – but it cannot feel despair, as real humans can, so the dementors cannot hurt it”
- 3) Begin a discussion about what this quote means, encouraging students to consider what might fuel their Patronus.
- 4) Provide handout “What is your Patronus” and “Expecto Patronum”.

Optional: Create a physical representation of a Patronus using art supplies, media, technology.

Materials/Equipment:

- Handouts
- Optional: Various art supplies and access to technology

WHAT IS YOUR PATRONUS?

1. What animal have you chosen to represent your best self? Why did you choose this animal?

2. What are the characteristics of your chosen animal that help you feel peaceful, powerful, and/or protected? (Aim for at least five characteristics.)
