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Harry Potter was a **highly unusual** boy in many ways. (1) _____. For another, he really wanted to do his homework but **was forced to** do it in secret, **in the dead of night**. And he also **happened to be** a wizard.

It was **nearly** midnight, and he was lying on his stomach in bed, (2) _____, a **flashlight** in one hand and a large **leather-bound** book (A History of Magic by Bathilda Bagshot) propped open **against** the pillow. Harry moved the tip of his **eagle-feather** quill down the page, **frowning** as he looked for something that would help him write his essay, "Witch Burning in the Fourteenth Century Was Completely Pointless discuss."

The quill paused at the top of a **likely-looking** paragraph. Harry pushed his round glasses up the **bridge of his nose**, (3) _____, and read: Non-magic people (more commonly known as Muggles) were **particularly** afraid of magic in **medieval** times, but not very good at **recognizing** it.

On the rare occasion that they did catch a real witch or wizard, (4) _____. The witch or wizard would **perform** a basic Flame Freezing Charm and then pretend to **shriek with pain** while enjoying a gentle, tickling sensation. (5) _____, Wendelin the Weird enjoyed being burned so much that she **allowed** herself to be caught no less than forty-seven times in **various** disguises.

Harry put his quill between his teeth and reached **underneath** his pillow for his ink bottle and **a roll of parchment**. (6) _____, dipped his quill into it, and began to write, pausing **every now and then** to listen, because if any of the Dursleys heard the **scratching** of his quill on their way to the bathroom, he'd probably find himself locked in the cupboard under the stairs **for the rest of** the summer.

- a) burning had no effect whatsoever
- b) for one thing, he hated the summer holidays more than any other time of year
- c) Harry had crept downstairs
- d) indeed
- e) moved his flashlight closer to the book
- f) slowly and very carefully he unscrewed the ink bottle
- g) the blankets drawn right over his head like a tent
- h) this separation from his spellbooks had been a real problem for Harry