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## HARRY POTTER

In Harry Potter, *mudblood* is an insult that refers to individuals with both magical and non-magical (muggle) heritage. It is equivalent to a racial slur and is the basis for discrimination and violence in the Harry Potter stories.

J. K. Rowling was inspired by this grave to develop the character of Tom Riddle. As an adult, Tom Riddle renames himself Lord Voldemort and attacks those who feel that the wizarding world should be open to all (see Clue 8 on *patet omnibus*). Ironically, Lord Voldemort's father was a muggle.

The expression 'bad blood' refers to a difficult relationship between people, families or even countries. Blood, in this case, refers to the capacity for emotions, especially hostility. Malfoy's unfriendly relationship with Harry, Hermione and Ron is a prime example.