Harry Potter and the Question Quadrant

These questions are for use with Phillip Cam’s Question Quadrant. The Question Quadrant activity aims to raise awareness about different kinds of questions, and to focus attention on philosophical questions. Information on the how to conduct the activity is included in the Course Pack used in P4CNZ workshops, and the original source is Phillip Cam’s Twenty Thinking Tools, published by ACER Press, and available from the online shop at www.acer.edu.au

Closed questions (determinate answer) about the story

Who did Harry marry at the end of the last book?  
What did Harry see in the mirror of Erised?  
What colour was the jumper Mrs Weasley sent Ron?  
Who was Harry’s godfather?  
What was the final score of Harry’s first Quidditch game?

Closed questions about life

Can motorcycles really fly?  
How many platforms are there at Kings Cross station?  
What did people think of witches in the 14th century?  
How many people today believe in magic? (“Is there an answer, even if we don’t know it?”)  
Is there anywhere in New Zealand that you can buy a magic wand that works?

Open questions about the story

Who built platform 9 ¾?  
Where was Professor McGonagall born?  
How many students were in each Hogwarts house?  
How old was Albus Dumbledore when Percy Weasley entered Hogwarts?  
What did Draco’s parents want for their son? (might be closed, if the answer could be inferred from the story)

Open questions about life

Can young people be blamed for being what their parents brought them to be?  
Should we believe in magic?  
Should children with special abilities go to special schools?  
Is it reasonable to expect that your friends will never hurt you?  
What is evil?