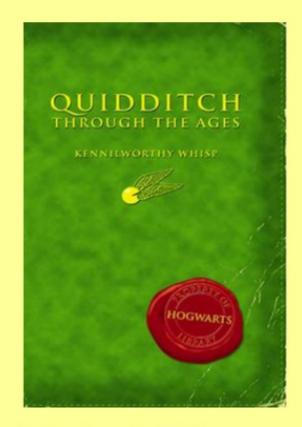
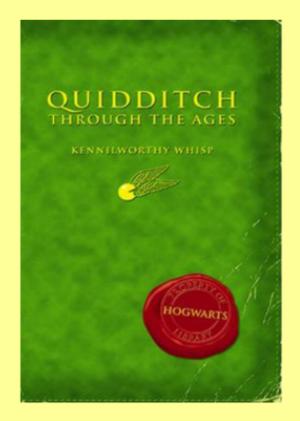
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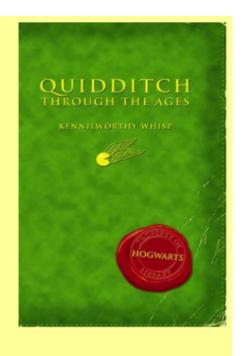
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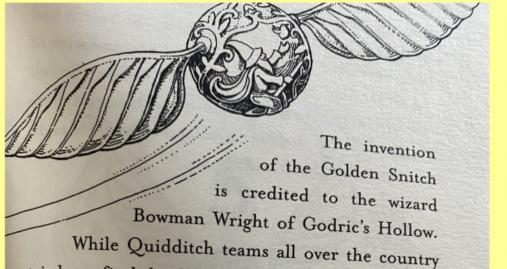
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Irma Pince, Hogwarts Librarian

So let us pretend that we are Hogwarts students revising for our PE aspect of our O.W.L (Ordinary Wizarding Level) tests.

The test is going to check our knowledge on certain aspects of Quidditch and we will have to find the relevant information in our school book Quidditch Through The Ages.





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Underline the key information that answers the question so that you can easily double check your responses.

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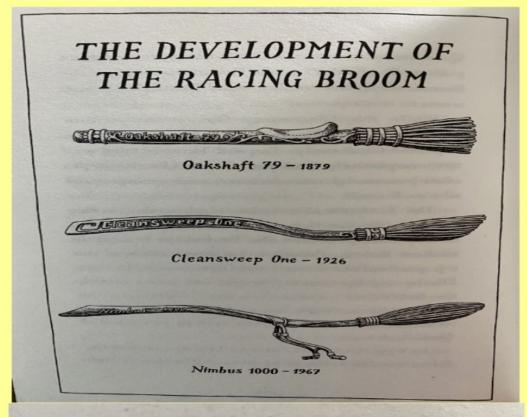
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Now you try....

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Scores:

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3-4 marks You are the Ron Weasley of Quidditch

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