

How to Write an Epic Week Riddle

- TELL NO ONE. It can be tempting to flex to your friends that you are going to have a riddle in Epic Week, but please try not to mention it until after your riddle has been solved - knowing who wrote the riddle can provide people clues all on its own! Your friends tend to know what you're in to.
- Riddles are usually based on bits of trivia from games, TV, movies, books, comics, or real world history
- Decide on the answer first, then work backward from there.
- All Epic Week Riddles have 3 clues. The first clue is given to players free; the other two they have to unlock.
- Come up with 1 or 2 "just in case" clues we can give to players if they are unable to guess the correct answer using only 3 clues. These are rarely used, but nice to have on hand in case of emergency!
- An Epic Week Riddle can accept variant answers, if more than one spelling, phrasing or order might be considered correct. Please provide all that would be acceptable.
- Epic Week Riddle answers CANNOT be case sensitive.
- Clues CAN be images or youtube videos, though this is rare.
- The icon that represents a riddle is very often a clue in and of itself. For example, this icon was used for a Witcher riddle:



And this one for a Disc World riddle:



So take that into account as part of what will help to guide riddlers to the right franchise, fandom or idea.

- You do not have to draw the icon! I will do that for you. But a suggestion on what a good icon would be is VERY appreciated.
- If you have an idea but you're not sure how to assemble all the pieces into a workable riddle, please feel free to talk it through with me! I have helped many people take their

vague ideas and turn them into a riddle, even when dealing with fandoms I know nothing about.

- [Message me directly to discuss your riddle.](#)
- Please provide an explanation (like the ones included with the examples below) for how your riddle is meant to be solved. This will be automatically released when someone solves it, so that people wondering how it could possibly have been done can follow along and learn. It will look like this:

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Congrats on solving this symbol! The answer was "big liver".

For those of you wondering how this answer could be arrived at, here's a quick explanation. 😊

Heimdall, designer of this riddle wrote:
In S03E16 of Adventure Time, a tiny assassin hides in Jake's nose (or nasal cavity) and threatens to poison him if he doesn't assassinate Wildberry Princess. Jake does get poisoned, but uses his stretchy power to enlarge his liver and survive. Afterwards he sings about it. "Big liverrrr! Big liver, yeaah!"

Example riddles from past years



1. A maze of fantasy, cruelty and self
2. An idea that would become reptilian in time
3. Begins with the destruction of the park

Answer: Beyond Westworld

Clue 1 describes what Westworld was about. Clue 2 references that the author would go on to write Jurassic Park; his whole deal is writing about weird amusement parks that go wrong. Clue 3 points to the plot of a specific book in the Westworld series



1. Excuse my dust, but I was locked in a drawer for 15 years
2. Once I sat at the round table
3. And dished the sickest of burns before there were memes

Answer: Dorothy Parker

Her ashes were locked in a file cabinet in her editor's office for 15 years because they didn't know who to give them to. The round table was a writer's group she was in. She was known for snarky poems and scathing comebacks.



1. Backronyms abound
2. The first of two cries from an icy tragedy
3. The predecessor to the standard distress

Answer: CQD

CQD was the original distress call, before SOS was more widely adopted. It was just a code out of a code book, but people spent decades trying to come up with what it could stand for (thus, "backronyms"). The icy tragedy references that the Titanic broadcasted CQD first, before it sent the code SOS; the captain was old school.



1. A glow that delighted stargazers in 2009
2. One of the Apollo 9 astronaut's favorite things to see at sunset

3. One of the minor indignities of space travel, made resplendent

Answer: urine dump or waste water dump

Space craft/stations IRL have to vent their human waste into space each night and it makes an INSANE meteor shower display. People LOVE to watch it. It freezes to ice instantly and the sun lights it up like jewels, then it burns up in the atmosphere. But there was a situation in 2009 where the ISS' waste doors got stuck and they had several weeks worth of waste on board that they finally vented at once on night. It was HIGHLY VISIBLE on Earth, and so there were a lot of headlines in 2009 of people asking why there was an unexpected, spectacular meteor shower.



1. An avatar of creation
2. Between Piáo Chóng and Tentomushi
3. She may have been a creator of these local lucky charms
4. (Bonus clue 1) Between in location, not time
5. (Bonus clue 2) A real-world talisman

Answer: Pujok or bujeok

The first clue and the seal symbol point at a wielder of the Ladybug Miraculous, while the second gives the names of two historical wielders, Piáo Chóng from China, and Tentomushi from Japan. Looking between the two - spatially, not temporally! - results in Korea's Ladybug holder, Mudangbeolle. A 'mudang' is a Korean female shaman (Mudangbeolle takes some design cues from them), who among other things, crafts paper talismans of protection and good luck called 'pujok'.



1. The Enrichment Center reminds you that the Weighted Companion Cube will never threaten to stab you and, in fact, cannot speak.
2. Well, until it tells you to save her... did we mention she's abnormally stubborn? She's worth saving.
3. The cake is a lie. She's watching you. The password is in 17.

Answer: tier3

Doug Rattman was the only scientist who believed that GLaDOS could not be stopped and feared that the morality core would not stop her from hurting people. While observing the test subject files one day, he found that Chell was forbidden from testing, because she is 'abnormally stubborn.' With this in mind, he believed that she would one day be useful to defeating GLaDOS if she ever did turn against them. Doug Rattman decided to put Chell on the top of the test subject list so that she would be chosen. Doug Rattman turned out to be correct about his concerns of GLaDOS, because on Bring-Your-Daughter-To-Work-Day, GLaDOS decided to release a neurotoxin which Doug Rattman escaped from and hid among Dens he created and lived in throughout the Aperture Science facility. He was the only staff survivor. Unfortunately, Doug Rattman's condition worsened due to a lack of medication for his mental illness of schizophrenia, and often received logical advice from a companion cube. Including, to save Chell when he saw her unconscious during testing and dragged away. Because of his guilt due to feeling responsible for this (from choosing her to be a test subject) and his companion cube's advice, he sought to rescue her. Unfortunately, he died while doing this but did manage to awaken Chell from a Cryo sleep. Often, throughout portal 2 - the dens that Doug Rattman had been living in can be found as a series of 'Easter Eggs' where he wrote messages on the walls to help Chell defeat GLaDOS. In a den in chamber 17, on the wall, there is a username and password scrawled among his many other writings such as 'the cake is a lie' and 'she is watching you.' The username written is: cjohnson and the password is: Tier3

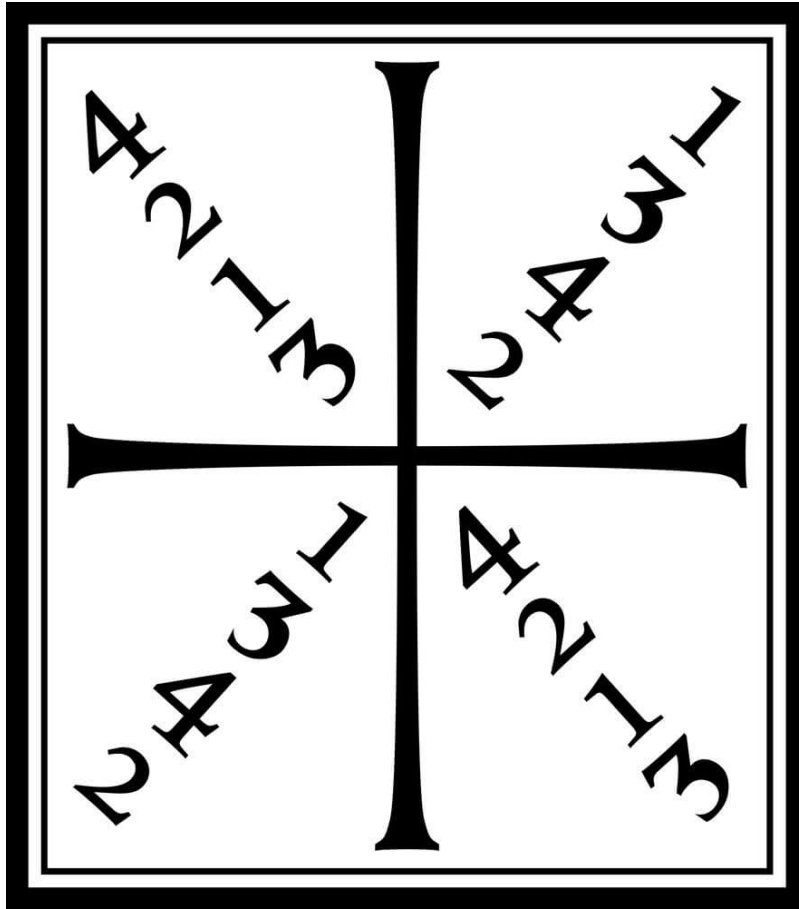


1. Help is needed in a sweet-tasting kingdom
2. Danger lurks in nooks and cavities
3. Organ music

Answer: big liver

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- 1.
2. Look to the fields and be on guard.
3. Withstand the third sequence.

Answer: ox plow plow ox

The diagram in the first clue is known as the Meyer Square, a flowchart for practicing longsword cut/flow drills. The second clue refers to guards and fields, pointing to the ox and plow guard positions, the two most basic guards, where ox guards against a high strike and plow against low. The third clue asks you to guard against the cuts in the third sequence on the Meyer Square - a high cut, two low, and another high, so requiring a combination of ox, plow, plow, and ox.

Other places to find examples:

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https://www.rprepository.com/community/forum/epic_week_2021

https://www.rprepository.com/community/forum/epic_week_2019

https://www.rprepository.com/community/forum/epic_week_2018

(2020 used a different, no riddle format, so it's not included in this list)