

SCEPTER

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Each diary entry specifies a stream of colors. The day portion of the date indicates the number of colors in the stream to help clans determine if they have found all the colors in the entry.

January 12, 2009 – Colors of the foods: orange, red, brown, green, orange, purple, pink, brown, red, green, purple, orange.

February 6, 2009 – Anagrammed colors are embedded in the text: Olivet -> violet, Wolley -> yellow, Dre -> red, genre -> green, go near -> orange, to live -> violet.

February 10, 2009 – Color names are embedded in the text with their first letter changed: Ned -> red, drown -> brown, preen -> green, bellow -> yellow, sink -> pink, glue -> blue, oink -> pink, clue -> blue, crown -> brown.

March 16, 2009 – Shades of colors: scarlett, azure, moss, olive, denim, verdant, rose, canary, pumpkin, lilac, sapphires, gold, lemon, lime, mint, burgundy.

April 5, 2009 – Color names are embedded backwards in the text: engineer gods -> green, castelo l've -> violet, show Olley -> yellow, derby -> red, fine ergonomic -> green.

April 6, 2009 – Movies whose titles contain color names: The Pink Panther, Purple Rain, A Clockwork Orange, The Green Mile, Jackie Brown, The Hunt for Red October.

May 5, 2009 – Color names are embedded in the text – incredibly -> red, for angel -> orange, credenza -> red, predates -> red, highbrow nick-nack -> brown.

June 5, 2009 – The first words of 2-word color names: baby blue, hunter green, army green, navy blue, fire engine red.

June 7, 2009 – Color names anagrammed with a letter added: violent -> violet, groaner -> orange, wholely -> yellow, Apkin -> pink, energy -> green, brule -> blue, read -> red.

July 5, 2009 – Color names are embedded phonetically in the text: blew -> blue, viola to -> violet, or Angie -> orange, yell Oh -> yellow, hairpin cats -> pink.

July 9, 2009 – Colors from flags that only have one color other than white: green, blue, red, red, green, red, red, blue, green.

Trace the color streams on the scepter and group them by month to form the letters of the answer COOTIES.