

Questions About Roald Dahl

Answers

1. Who started Roald's love of stories? Tick one.

- ☐ his father
- ☐ his sister
- ☒ **his mother**
- ☐ his aunt

2. What job did Roald Dahl's wife Patricia Neal have?

- ☐ writer
- ☒ **actress**
- ☐ teacher
- ☐ nurse

3. Find and copy one word that shows that Roald's mother told him stories that were made-up.

Mythical

4. Fill in the missing words.

In 1940, Roald Dahl was posted to **Libya** where he flew a **Gloster Gladiator** plane. He crashed in the **Western** Desert.

5. Why did Roald join the Royal Air Force (RAF) to become a pilot?

The Second World War broke out.

6. Why did Roald start writing for the Sunday Evening Post newspaper?

Pupils own responses such as: He met the author C.S.Forester, who suggested Roald should write about his experiences in the desert, flying planes. This led to Roald being paid for the first time for writing, which was in the Sunday Evening Post newspaper.

7. Explain what family tragedies Roald experienced during his life.

Pupils own responses such as: Roald's sister Astri died when she was 7. His father died a few weeks later from pneumonia. Roald's daughter Olivia tragically died at the age of 7 from measles encephalitis.

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8. Explain what Roald Dahl meant by saying “If you want to remember what it’s like to live in a child’s world, you’ve got to get down on your hands and knees and live like that for a week.”

Pupils own responses such as: Roald knew that to understand what it was like for children you had to see everything in the same way that they did. You would see people as giants who were always telling you what to do.

9. Do you think that Roald Dahl’s books have encouraged children to read? Explain your answer.

Pupils own responses such as: Yes I think that Roald’s books have encouraged children to read. His stories are funny, exciting and easy to read. I think that they make children want to read them.