

Questions About Roald Dahl

Answers

1. What was the name of Roald's younger sister? Tick one.

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Olivia

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Ophelia

2. Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story.

Roald attended Repton Public School in Derbyshire.

Roald married Patricia Neal.

James and the Giant peach was published.

Roald worked in Africa for three years.

Roald's sister Astri sadly died.

3. What disability did Roald's father have?

He only had one arm.

4. His mother was a great story teller. Roald remembered many tales that she told about trolls and other mythical Norwegian characters. What does **mythical** mean?

Mythical means made up or make-believe.

5. What inspired Roald to write the book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'?

The boys at Repton Public School were sometimes asked to be chocolate testers for a famous chocolate company.

6. What does 'all-powerful Matron' mean? What characteristics might she have had?

Pupils own response such as: It means she had all the power and was not very nice. She might have been bossy, domineering, unkind, nasty and cruel.

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7. Explain the effect that the plane crash in North Africa had on Roald's career with the RAF.

Pupils own responses such as: Roald suffered such severe injuries to his head and back after the plane crash that he had to stay in hospital in Egypt for six months. He returned to the RAF, but after a while, he began suffering terrible headaches from his accident. This meant that he had to return to the UK and could not fly planes anymore.

8. In your own words, explain what Roald thought a writer should do if they were going to write books for children.

Pupils own response such as: Roald thought that a writer would need to be able to see the world through children's eyes.

9. Suggest as many reasons as you can to explain why Roald Dahl started to write children stories?

Pupils own responses such as: His mother was a great story teller and told him tales of trolls and mythical Norwegian characters. He told stories to his children at bedtime and realised how much his children enjoyed the stories. He had a great talent for seeing the world through children's eyes. He had a passion for encouraging children to read.

10. Do you think that Roald Dahl's book have encouraged you to read? Explain your answer.

Pupils own responses such as: Yes, I think that Roald Dahl's books have encouraged me to read. I enjoy his stories as they are funny and exciting which amazing characters. Pupils may discuss the books that they have read and what they enjoyed about them.