

Questions About Roald Dahl

Answers

1. Who started Roald's love of stories?

His mother.

2. What tragedies did Roald have in his early life?

His father and sister died within a few weeks of each other.

3. Describe what you think the Matron might have been like.

Nasty, mean and powerful.

4. Why was he happier at Repton School?

He found he was good at sport.

5. How do you think the chocolate testing experience inspired 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'?

Because it made Roald wonder what being in a chocolate factory might have been like.

6. Explain why he had to leave the RAF.

He had suffered terrible injuries and was getting headaches so he couldn't fly planes any more.

7. How did Roald start writing children's stories?

He would tell his own children stories at bedtime and then started writing them down.

8. Why did Dahl say that to live in a child's world you had to "get down on your hands and knees and live that for a week"?

Because he knew that to understand what it was like for children you had to see everything in the same way that they did.

9. What did Dahl have a passion for?

Encouraging children to read.

10. Why did Roald Dahl think learning to read was a good thing?

Because reading books gives people a 'terrific advantage'.