



How is being an author today different to in Roald Dahl's life?

Roald took a long time to write his stories and books. He wrote with a pencil on yellow paper. If he made a mistake he would have to start the page again. He wrote lots of stories about his own experiences.

Today, authors can use computers to write stories, making it easier to make changes and correct mistakes. They can use the internet to research ideas so that their stories can be about all kinds of ideas and places.

Julia Donaldson was inspired to write by listening to song lyrics.

What was school like for Roald Dahl?

Roald went to boarding school from the age of 9.

He didn't enjoy school because the teachers were very strict.

He was very good at cricket and swimming but he found school work hard.

There were sometimes more than 50 children in one class.

Boys and girls were taught separately and often learned different subjects.

Cadbury would sometimes send their new chocolates to the school for taste testing.

This gave Roald the idea for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Glossary

Artefact: a man-made object of historical interest

Century: a period of 100 years

Diet: the food that humans and animals eat

Decade: a period of ten years

Decompose: when a material rots or wastes away over time

Historical Source: something which gives us information about the past

Hygiene: keeping yourself and your surroundings clean

Preserve: to stop something from decomposing quickly

Sculpture: art created in 3 dimensions

When did famous authors live?

