

YOUNG ROALD DAHL AT SCHOOL

Aged seven, Dahl attended Llandaff Cathedral School for just two years. Then from the ages of nine to thirteen he attended St Peter's preparatory School in Weston-super-Mare, in England. He did not enjoy this school because many teachers were cruel and often caned the students. Dahl was quite sporty and was good at cricket and swimming, but he performed poorly in class. One of his main hobbies was reading, and some of his favourite novelists were the adventure writers Rudyard Kipling ('The Jungle Book'...) and H. Rider Haggard ('Allan Quatermain'...).

When Dahl was thirteen his family moved to Kent in England and he was sent to Repton Boarding School (*internat*). Sadly, Repton was even more cruel than his old school! The headmaster enjoyed beating children and the older students used the younger ones as servants. However, there was one good thing about the school. The chocolate company Cadbury's regularly sent boxes of chocolates to Repton for the students to test. This happy memory gave Dahl the idea for his most famous novel, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.

A. Questions de compréhension...

1. Un bon souvenir scolaire : _____

2. Trois mauvais souvenirs scolaires : _____

3. Qu'a pu ressentir Roald Dahl en étant interne dans pareilles écoles ? _____

B. Retrouvez dans le texte les mots qui signifient :

Inscrit à (l'école) : _____ Donner des coups de canne : _____

Ne pas être très bon élève : _____ Esclave, serviteur : _____

Toutefois, cependant : _____

C. Rafraîchissement de mémoire !

Notez le superlatif du texte : _____

Notez les trois comparatifs : _____