7. Roald Dahl's Birthday - September 13, 1916

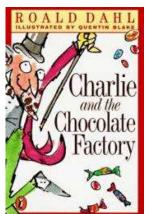


Ahoy Imaginations

Roald Dahl is a famous author of children's stories. In honor of Mr. Dahl's birthday on September 13th, Miss Mayfield read *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* to her class, which is one of his best-known stories. The children enjoyed the book very much.

Miss Mayfield then challenged them to use their imaginations and write stories of their own. She encouraged them to let their minds sail freely, like ships on the ocean, heading to new and exciting places. She gave them one week for the assignment. At the end of that week, they would read their stories to the class.

The students were reluctant at first, saying that they didn't know what to write about, but they began to catch Miss Mayfield's enthusiasm as they shared ideas and helped each other. By the end of the week, the children had created some amazing tales. Some of the stories were funny, while others were scary or serious or informative. All were original and unique and special, and Miss Mayfield was very proud of her class. She told them she believed Mr. Dahl would have been pleased, too.



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1. Who wrote the book <i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i> ?	
2. What did Miss Mayfield challenge her students to do?	
3. How did the children feel at first about having to write their ow	n stories?
4. How long did the children have to write their stories?	
5. What kinds of stories did they create?	