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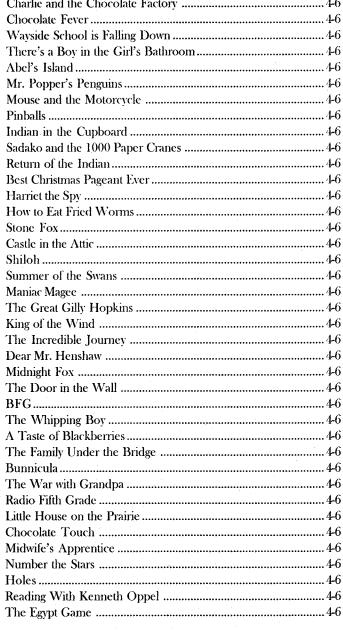




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Expectations

The students will:

- be introduced to the world of fantasy through the writings of Roald Dahl.
- · reinforce and learn many reading skills and techniques.
- · develop and improve their creativity.
- improve their independent reading skills and work habits.
- improve and develop better higher level thinking skills.

Summary of Story

Charlie Bucket lives with his parents and both sets of grandparents in a tiny house. They are so poor that they hardly get enough food to eat. Around the corner from their little cottage is the world's largest chocolate factory that allows delicious smells to teasingly waft towards them.

One day the newspaper headlines announce that five lucky winners will be able to visit the famous factory. No one has been in the factory for years but now, the owner, Willy Wonka, will give the finders of the five Golden Tickets a grand tour.

Charlie and his family wish that he could be one of the winners. However, they realize his chances are very small since they can only afford to buy him one chocolate bar a year, as a birthday present.

Luck is with little Charlie on the day that he finds a one dollar bill lying on the street. He knows that he should bring the money right home to his parents, but his tummy is so empty that he gives in and buys a Wonka Chocolate bar with the money. Fortunately, there was a golden ticket in that chocolate bar!

The five winners turn out to be: **Augustus Gloop**, a fat boy who eats hundreds of chocolate bars a week; **Veruca Salt**, whose rich parents bought chocolate bars until they came **across one with a winning ticket**; **Violet Beauregarde**, a talkative, gum-chewing girl; **Mike** Teavee, who is only interested in guns and television; and **Charlie Bucket**, our hero.

Soon the big day arrives and the children and their parents go on a tour of the factory. As they visit many of the fascinating rooms, the children get into mischief. One by one, the naughty children disappear until only Charlie is left.



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When Willy Wonka realizes that Charlie is the only child left, he offers him the factory to run. Mr. Wonka promises to teach Charlie all of his secrets so that when he becomes an adult, Mr. Wonka can retire and Charlie can take over the entire factory. They rush to the Bucket's home to tell everyone the great news. Then, they all fly off in the Great Glass Elevator.

Author Biography

Roald Dahl

Roald Dahl was born in Llandaff, South Wales on September 13, 1916. His parents were Norwegian. His father died when he was four. Dahl had four sisters, the eldest of whom died when he was three years old. He did have some happy memories of his childhood which he writes about in an autobigraphical book called Boy: Tales of Childhood.

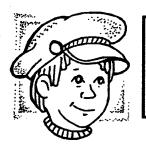
Dahl went to boarding school in England when he was seven. His main schooling was at Repton from 1929 to 1932. At eighteen, he turned down his mother's offer to go to Oxford and joined the Eastern staff of the Shell Oil Company. At twenty, Shell sent him to Dar-es-Salaam in Tanzania, where he remained until war broke out in September, 1939. He drove to Nairobi and joined the Royal Air Force. He did his initial flying training in Nairobi and his advanced training at Habbaniya, Iraq. In 1940, Dahl joined a fighter squadron in the Western Desert of Libya. He was shot down by the Italians and spent six months in a hospital in Alexandria. He then rejoined his squadron in Greece, flying Hurricanes. Chased out of Greece by the Germans, he flew against the Vichy French in Syria. His old wounds acted up and he was sent home to England.

In 1942, Dahl was sent to Washinton D.C. as Assistant Air Attaché. It was while he was in Washington that he started writing. His first book was a children's book entitled "The Gremlins" and was published in 1943. In 1953, he married an American actress, Patricia Neal. They had one son Theo and three daughters called Tessa, Lucy and Ophelia.

Dahl wrote many adult books but is better known for the books he wrote for children. They are as follows:

The Gremlins
James and the Giant Peach
The Magic Finger
The Fantastic Mr. Fox
Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator

Danny, The Champion of the World The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar and Six More Charlie and the Chocolate Factory The Enormous Crocodile



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Teacher Input Suggestions

NOTE: It is strongly recommended that the teacher read the novel and the material in this unit well in advance of implementing them into the reading program. The teacher's knowledge and interest of the story is essential in order to maintain the enthusiasm of the students.

- 1. <u>Charlie and The Chocolate Factory</u> can be used in conjunction with themes about family, chocolate or technology.
- 2. List the vocabulary words and their meanings that students may have difficulty with and discuss them with your students. Add any other words that they suggest as they read the book.
- 3. Distribute copies of <u>Charlie and The Chocolate Factory</u> to the students. Have them examine the cover and discuss the title, characters, author and artist. Ask them to make predictions about the story. (Page references in this unit were obtained from the Puffin Books, 1988 edition.)
- 4. Watch <u>Charlie and The Chocolate Factory</u> on video cassette. Compare the similarities and differences between the book and the movie.
- 5. Visit a chocolate factory.
- 6. Display student's artwork done on this unit around the class.
- 7. Paint a mural of a scene that would be seen in one of the chapters of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory.
- 8. Discuss and taste various types of candies and chocolates.

Vocabulary

torture, belching, scent, shrivelled, extraordinary, delicate, absurd, gobble, gradually, chuckling, colossal, dozing, deserted, astonishing, securely, glisten, revolting, nourishment, repulsive, frantic, precious, glint, amidst, anxious, tense, ferociously, avoid, trample, mob, annoy, stilettos, beckon, rummage, ancient, gale, ravenous, desperate, cruel, doubtful, wisdom, hardship, exhaustion, vague, automatically, cram, cluster, envious, absolute, explosion, dervish, morsel, intrigue, astonish, perplex, fluster, swarm, pandemonium, eager, fiend, enraptured, enchanted, proceedings, abide, churning, froth, stagger, dumbfounded, bewildered, dazzled, delectable, frantic, gorge, wages, tribe, mischievous, insist, slung, shriek, fury, escort, chant, alter, grudge, gleam, sensation, simmer, meddle, treacle, luscious, trailing, sprout, froth, spellbound, wring, peculiar, ludicrous, consume, horrid, massive, sanatorium, halt, insist, triumphant, dawdle, intently, anchored, chute, rubbish, incinerator, screech, fiery, descend, rancid, reek, astray, scold, pander, culprit, luminous, swerve, precipice, cling, glimpse, tamper, trod, ghastly, nauseating, regret, hunch, stammer, despair, hover, petrified