

June 2024

Dear Incoming 5th Graders,

Over the summer you will be required to read Matilda, by Roald Dahl, and complete the novel study packet. You may spread your reading out any way you'd like (20 minutes a day, an hour a day, etc.), but you should be reading every day.

There is a response question for most chapters in the novel study packet. It would be wise to complete that response after you finish reading that chapter. **Responses must be written in complete sentences, including proper capitalization and punctuation.**

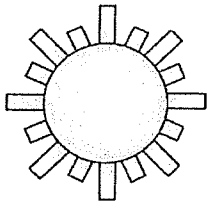
Your completed packet will be collected for a grade on the first day of school. We will begin our school year with some final Matilda activities and then continue our Roald Dahl author study with James and the Giant Peach, The Witches and Boy.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Griffin

My Novel Study of
Matilda

Y Roldani



Name: _____

The Reader of Books

Mr. and Mrs. Wormwood view their daughter Matilda as nothing more than a scab. How does Matilda show she is brilliant at a young age?

One and a Half: _____

Three: _____

Four: _____



Why does Matilda's father get upset when she asks him to buy her a book?

— Mr. Wormwood, the Great Car Dealer

Explain how sawdust is one of the great secrets to Mr. Wormwood's success as a car dealer.

Mr. Wormwood stated that no one ever got rich from being honest. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

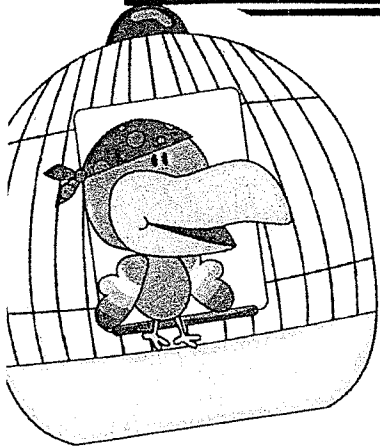


The Hat and the SUPERglue



Describe the prank
Matilda plays on her
father.

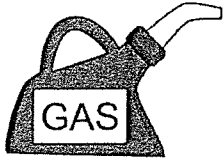
How does Mr.
Wormwood remove the
hat from his head?



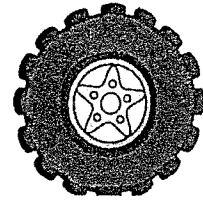
The Ghost

List the four items the family brought
with them while looking for the burglars.

Name the event that caused Matilda
to play another prank on her father.



Arithmetic

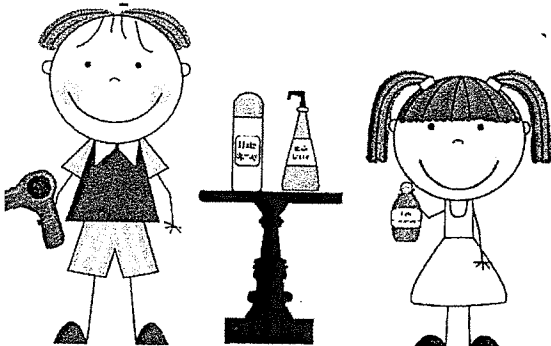


Matilda shows her father that she is very clever by computing all of the sums in her head.
Why does this make her father angry?

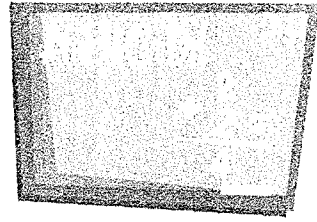
The Platinum-Blond Man

Write a summary of what you just read.

Explain why does Matilda decided to retaliate against her father by dying his hair.



Miss Honey

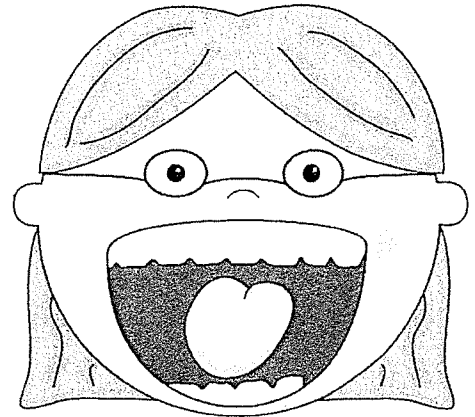


How old is Matilda on her first day of school? Why does she start school at this age?

How does Matilda feel about Miss Honey? How do you know?

The

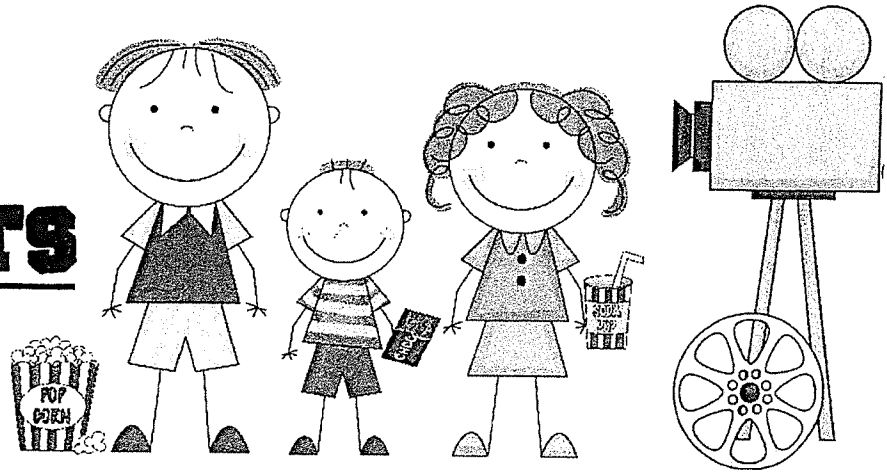
Trunchbull



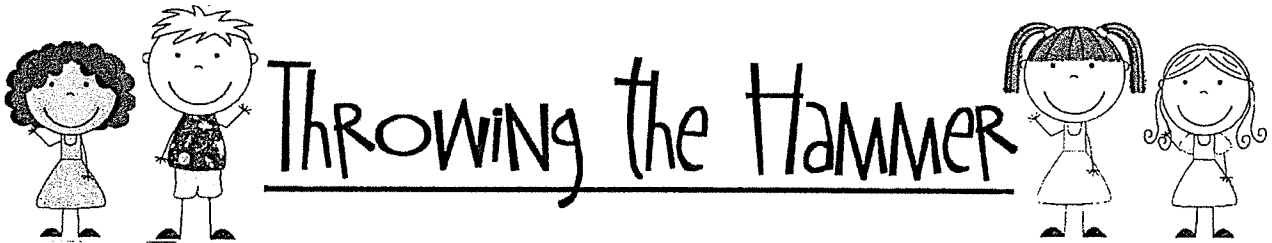
Give me a physical description of Miss Trunchbull. Make sure to discuss her body type and clothes.

Compare and contrast Miss Honey and Miss Trunchbull.

THE PARENTS



<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>Why does Mr. Wormwood tell Miss Honey that her visit is most inconvenient?</p>
-------------------------------------	---



Throwing the Hammer

True or False

Matilda is able to make friends easily with other children.

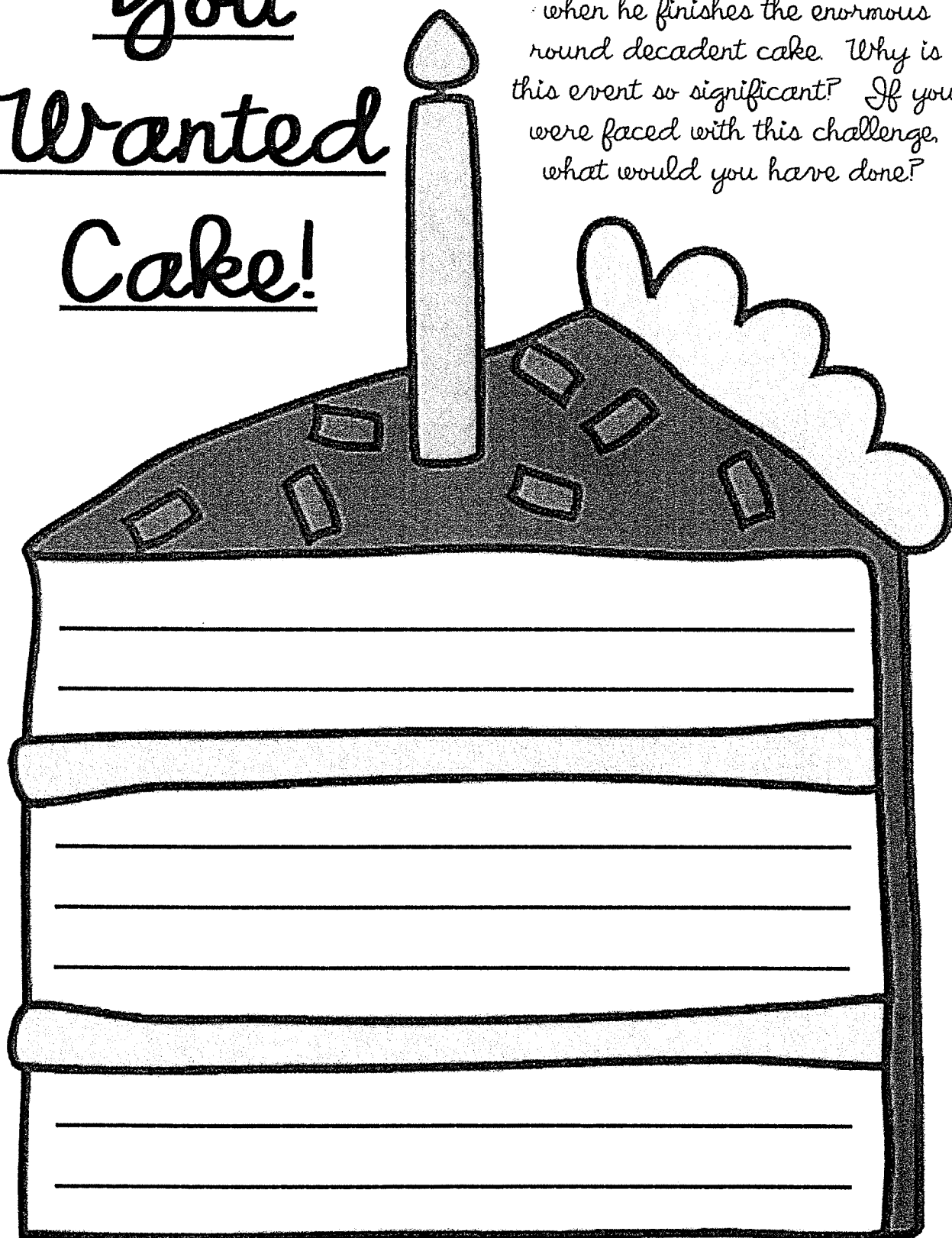
Fact or Opinion

Lavender was exceptionally small for her age, a skinny little nymph with deep brown eyes.

What is The Chokey?

You
Wanted
Cake!

Bruce Bogtrotter becomes a hero when he finishes the enormous round decadent cake. Why is this event so significant? If you were faced with this challenge, what would you have done?


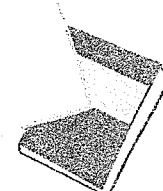


Laurender

List five words of warning Miss Honey gives to her students about The Headmistress.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

The weekly Test

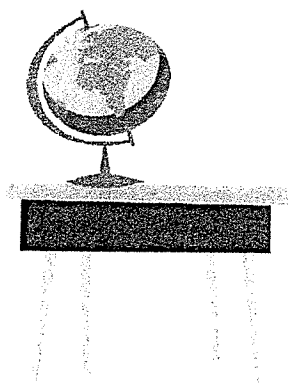



How does Miss Honey teach her students how to spell the word difficulty? Do you think this is an effective way to learn?

What type of reaction would you have if Miss Trunchbull entered your classroom? Explain your answer.

The First Miracle

Discuss the peculiar sensation Matilda feels while Miss Trunchbull is yelling at her?
How does she use this extraordinary power?



The Second Miracle

Explain how Matilda looks while performing the second miracle.

Would you recommend this book to friends?
Why or why not?

Miss Honey's Story

List at least three problems Miss Honey has faced in her life. Which was the most life changing?

The Power of a Name

Analyze the names below. Explain why you believe Roald Dahl gave each character/place their name.

Mr. Wormwood

Miss Trunchbull

Crunchem Hall Primary School

SPECIAL POWERS

Matilda is able to move objects with her eyes. If you were given this gift, what item would you choose to move and why?

pg. 10

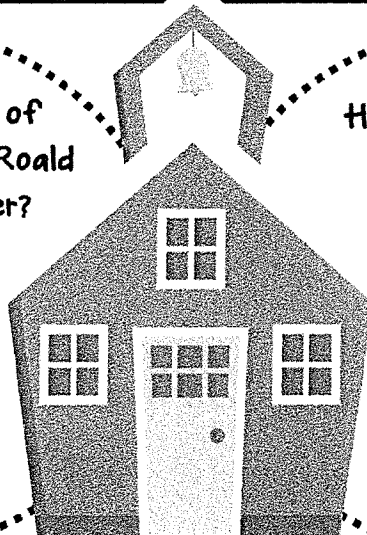
The Third Miracle

Describe the third miracle. How does Matilda frighten Miss Trunchbull into fainting?

Think back to all of the different pranks played in the book. Which is your favorite? Why?

Evaluate the quality of writing. Do you think Roald Dahl is a great writer?

How do you think the story will end?



A New Home

Do you think the conclusion of the book is a happy ending?
Why or why not?

List five major events in order from which happened
first to last in the novel.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.
