

Witches
When you think about witches, do you imagine the kind that you see on Halloween - the kind with pointy black hats, long black dresses, long fingernails, striped stockings, and warts on their noses? Well, in *The Witches*, by Roald Dahl, the witches are even scarier. That's because you don't know who they are. The witches in this novel wear dresses and makeup, and with their disguises they don't look anything like you'd picture a witch to be. You never know when you might meet one!

**Knowledge Organiser Yr 8 The Witches by Roald Dahl
Spring Term 1**



Characters - There are a few main characters in The Witches
A seven-year-old boy , who is our narrator. He tells us the story, but we never find out his name. He later saves the day by killing all the witches in England
Grandmamma : The boy's grandmamma took him in after his parents died, and she loves to tell stories
The Grand High Witch , who is the antagonist of the story and the ruler of the witches. (An antagonist is the bad guy, villain, or enemy of a story)
Bruno Jenkins is a little boy who gets turned into a mouse by the witches at the witch meeting
A witch that the boy sees at his house
The manager of the hotel, Mr. Stringer
The waiter, William
Various other witches
Mr. Jenkins , Bruno's dad, who isn't very nice
Mrs. Jenkins , Bruno's mom, who doesn't like mice
A chambermaid , who reports the boy for having a pet mouse
Other background characters like the cook, taxi driver, and the other children who disappear because of the witches

Writing character analysis:
Character Name: The Grand High Witch
Physical Description: At first, the Grand High Witch is described as young and beautiful with great style. However, once she takes off her mask, she is described as atrocious looking and hideous. For example, her appearance is even described as "worm-eaten."
Static or Dynamic character? Since the Grand High Witch doesn't undergo any significant changes in character, she is a static character. She remains evil throughout the book, and her personality or characteristics don't change.
An internal or external conflict that the character faces: The Grand High Witch faces an external conflict when she and the other witches are turned into mice.
Character Strengths: The Grand High Witch is a natural leader. She may be evil, but she knows how to command attention and respect.
Character Weaknesses: The Grand High Witch underestimates the narrator and Bruno. This is a weakness that eventually led to her demise. Her other weaknesses include a lack of empathy and ruthless behaviour.

PEE Paragraphing

P
Point Sum up the main point you are going to talk about.

E
Evidence Provide evidence for the point you are making.

E
Explanation What is the point of your quote and what are you trying to mean by it?

Setting and Narrative:

Setting: the **time**, **place** and **atmosphere** of a text's events.

When? Where? How does it feel?

What happens? How are the events told?

Narrative: a story, the written account of **events as told by a specific narrator.**