

Worksheet 2

Getting Even

Inspiring Authors

*I blame Roald Dahl. Without him, it never would have happened...
Why Roald Dahl, you ask? A short story he wrote called 'Vengeance is Mine Inc.'*

Many literary works have been inspired by other authors. The world famous J.K. Rowling claims that certain components of her hugely popular *Harry Potter* series were inspired by several authors including Shakespeare, Jane Austen and C.S Lewis. She even acknowledges the similarities between some of her ideas and those found in the books of, you guessed it, Roald Dahl.

Task 1: Think about an author who has inspired you in some way. Locate the following information about him/her:

- » **Date of Birth**
- » **Place of Birth**
- » **Education**
- » **Why did he/she become a writer?**
- » **Popular works**
- » **Interesting Facts**
- » **Why does this author inspire you?**
- » **How has this author inspired others?**

Task 2: Present the information above in an appropriate format e.g. on a large poster, in a slide show presentation or as an information booklet and present it to an audience.

Extension Activities

- Locate a copy of Roald Dahl's story *Vengeance is Mine Inc.* Read the short story and explain the similarities and differences of this story compared to *Getting Even*.
- Complete a book review of another Roald Dahl book.
- Create a fact file about Roald Dahl.