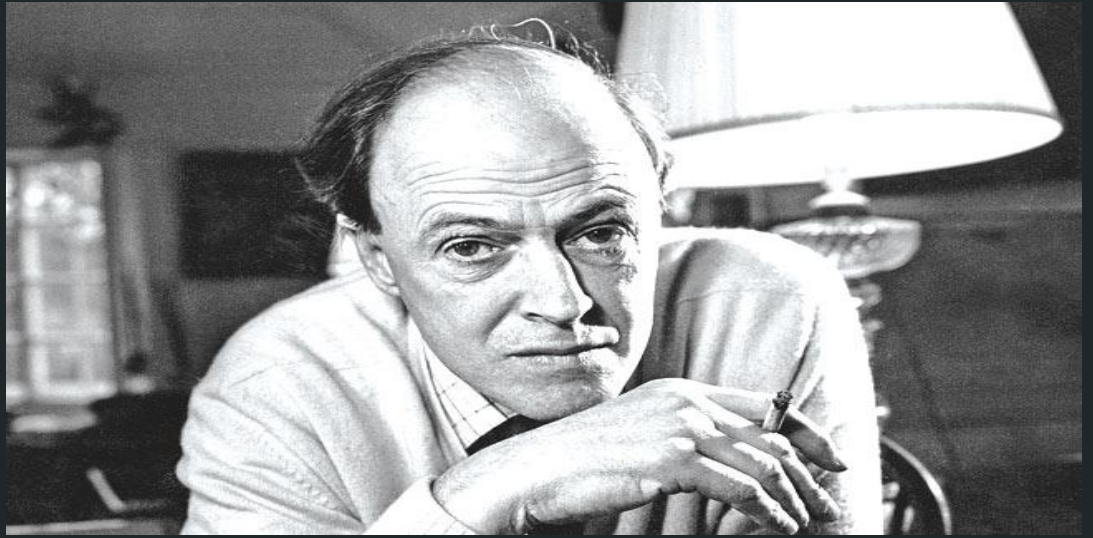




“Poison”

By Roald Dahl



Recap - What happens in this story?

Consider a creative alternative ending. What could have happened? Explain in detail!

Annotate some background
information together!

History between Britain and India

What is the difference between figurative language and literal language?

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He has lost his marbles.



Literal

VS



Figurative

The big question for this story:
What is the “poison”? Explain!

What is the literal poison?

What is the figurative poison?

Compare/contrast Harry and
Timber using a Venn Diagram.

The two types of poison in the story "Poison" are the literal poison from the krait and the figurative type of poison, which is Harry being racist. The literal poison in the story is the krait. Harry is scared because he thinks the krait will bite him and kill him. This literal poison is important because it drives the plot of the story. The other type of poison, however, is even more important. The other type of poison is the racism Harry shows to Dr. Ganderbai. Harry's racism makes this terrible situation even worse, and makes Timber question his friendship with Harry. Though the literal poison is important to the story, the figurative poison teaches the reader that racism is never acceptable.