**Chapter Summaries of “Boy, Tales of Childhood” by Roald Dahl**

**ST PETER’S 1925-9 (age 9-13)**

**Chapter 10 – First Day**

* Roald goes to a boarding school in England. It is called St. Peter’s School, and it is in a county called Somerset, in a seaside town called Weston-Super-Mare described). Near where Mrs. D. went to school.
* From the sea-front, it is possible to look 15 miles across the Bristol Channel and see Cardiff in Wales.
* Taxi with mother to paddle steamer (boat) to cross the Bristol Channel.
* Describes clothes he takes, inside of his trunk (big box for clothes).Describes what a tuck-box is (for food) – the boys need food from home.Describes other treasures kept in a tuck box.
* Describes the school – about 150 boys.It is the first time Roald has slept away from home.The headmaster is compared to a shark – Roald cries.

**Chapter 11 – Writing Home**

* Sunday morning, everyone spends an hour writing a letter home, then they went to church. The letters were censored (checked by the headmaster) for contents – but the spelling was never corrected in the letter itself.
* Roald got into the habit of letter writing, and wrote his mother at least once a week for the next 32 years until she died.
* Roald talks about the last conversation he had with his mother before she died (many years later in 1967).

**Chapter 12 – The Matron**

* The Matron is a woman in charge of the dormitory floor – all the boys are scared of her.Matron could send you down to the Headmaster at any time for misbehaving – and you would get caned on the spot.
* Matron doesn’t seem to like little boys much.
* The sugar trick on Matron – all the boys stick together.
* The dormitory and the rules for bedtime are described.
* Roald always sleeps facing his family home.
* Tweedie – the boy who snores, what Matron does to him

**Chapter 13 – Homesickness**

* Roald is so homesick he pretends to have appendicitis in order to be sent home. He watched his older sister and noted her symptoms; they removed her appendix on the nursery table of his house!
* It works, Roald gets to go home, but his doctor at home knows he is faking. He is allowed to stay home for 3 days, but told not to do it again.

**Chapter 14 – A Drive in the Motorcar**

* Roald is so happy to be home for the holidays, the freedom is wonderful.
* The family has a new car, and they go for a ride in the car.Roald’s ancient (v much older) half sister is driving.There is a terrible accident – Roald’s nose is cut almost completely off – it is sewn back on at the nursery table where his sister had her appendix removed!

**Chapter 15 – Captain Hardcastle**

* Captain Hardcastle is the master (teacher) that Roald is most afraid of.Captain Hardcastle is described.He doesn’t like Roald.
* How the boys do prep (homework) is explained – only 2 boys raise their hand to speak in 4 years.
* Roald gets caught talking – he is accused of cheating and lying also, and he gets a stripe – which means he will be caned by the Headmaster.The headmaster doesn’t want to hear the real story, Roald is caned 6 times.

**Chapter 16 – Little Ellis and the Boil**

* Roald has the flu, and even with a temperature of 100, the doctor sends him back to school.
* Ellis has his boil lanced (broken) – scary.

**Chapter 17 – Goat’s Tobacco**

* Roald’s ancient half sister brings the man she will marry to Norway for the family vacation.
* The family all play a big trick on this man.