

# HATCHING HUMILITY in Your Writers

*Tip #7: "You must have a degree of humility. The writer who thinks that his work is marvelous is heading for trouble."*  
—Roald Dahl

**A Humble Appeal:** The purpose of this task is to adapt a speech to a digital format that reflects the student's understanding of humility and its meaning within the story of *The BFG*.

*"Then the Queen said, 'I think we ought to get this book printed properly and published so that other children can read it.' This was arranged, but because the BFG was a very modest giant, he wouldn't put his own name on it. He used somebody else's name instead."*

**Discuss the term *humility* with your students.** How can it be an asset to a writer? What is the opposite and how can it become a pitfall for a writer? Explain how Roald Dahl viewed his writing humbly, no matter how famous he became. His protagonists often reflect this same type of humility. Discuss how this humble nature is reflected in the personalities of Sophie and the BFG.

**Have your students each write** a humble appeal to the BFG sharing his or her exemplary behaviors, attitudes, and/or dreams. How do their accomplishments distinguish them as candidates for a splendid phizzwizard? Students must be specific, detailed, and honest, while remaining humble. Have students publish their speeches as talking Blabbers on the computer or ChatterPix on the iPad.

Blabberize: <http://blabberize.com/>

ChatterPix: <http://www.duckduckmoose.com/educational-iphone-itouch-apps-for-kids/chatterpix/>

**Alternate option:** Have students design a certificate of humility to be awarded to the BFG by the Queen. Use the "Wordfoto" app on an iPad to design a certificate and include descriptive words that reflect the humble and extraordinary nature of the BFG in your art. <http://wordfoto.com/>

