

Author Study

Objective- The student will research an author and gain knowledge of why they write what they write (motivation) and how they integrate their own life experiences into their books.

1. Brainstorm a list of possible authors
2. Spend some time in the library to find possible authors
3. Choose an author
4. Research an author (Be sure to take good notes.)
 - a. <http://www.djUSD.k12.ca.us/harper/jboston/AuthorsandIllustratorsontheWeb.htm>
 - b. <http://www.scholastic.com/librarians/ab/biolist.htm>
 - c. <http://comminfo.rutgers.edu/professional-development/childlit/AuthorSite/>
 - d. You may use any credible and school appropriate site.
5. Complete an author outline. There is an example on the following page. You don't have to use it, but you have to complete an outline of some sort.
6. Begin working on your rough draft.
7. Start working on your tri-fold display.
 - a. Be sure to include some sort of a timeline.
 - b. Neatness counts!
8. Revise and edit your rough draft.
 - a. Follow your rubric.
 - b. Be sure to organize your data.
 - c. Use your own words (use similes too).
9. Complete final draft and tri-fold display!
10. Write a fan letter to your author.

Author Outline & Eval

Outline for Author Report

Author Report Outline

- I. Introduction (who, why famous, book series)*
- II. Childhood (parents, brothers, sisters, where and when born, childhood experiences)*
- III. Preparation (jobs, hobbies, schooling, careers)*
- IV. Motivation*
- V. Family Life (wife, husband, children, home, pets)*
- VI. Accomplishments (books published, series, awards, popularity, movies)*
- VII. Death/Conclusion (where and when died, or what are they doing now)*
- VIII. Sources used including websites.*

Tri-fold display should include the author's name prominently displayed. Create a display that highlights the author's life works and includes a timeline of some sort.

Set up deadlines for yourself. Work on this a little at a time and enjoy. Final research paper along with outline and rough draft are due on

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Tri-fold display is due _____.