

LIBRARY WORKSHEET ON AMERICAN AUTHORS

Name _____

ANALYSIS FOR RESEARCH ON AUTHOR AND BOOK TITLE _____

Teacher _____ Period _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

An encyclopedia or another general reference book can give an introduction to your author.

Born - Died

Years and names of up to four (4) of the books of your author wrote. Include your primary source.

REFERENCE BOOKS - AP: Check 6
T1: Check 4

Indicate if your author is in these books by giving pages and volumes when appropriate. Write NA if (your author could have been in the book, but is not.)

Most of these sources are one volume. Those that are not, include volume number. They are similar in nature to encyclopedias.

920.03 American Authors, 1600 - 1900
KUN

810.3 Oxford Companion to American Literature 6th. ed.
HAR

810.3 Reader's Encyclopedia of American Literature
REA

823.0876 Science Fiction Writers, 2nd ed.
SCI

810.9 African American Writers
AFR

813 Contemporary American Women Fiction Writers
CON

- 810.997 The Companion to Southern Literature
COM
- 809.3 Supernatural Fiction Writers. 2 Vol.
SUP
- 810.9 American Ethnic Writers
AME
- 810.9 Masterpieces of African-American Literature
MAS
- 810.992 Oxford Companion to Women's Writings in the
OXF United States
- 809.387 The Encyclopedia of Science Fiction
ENC
- 809 Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror Writers
SCI 2 Vol.
- 808.83 Horror Literature
HOR
- 920 Major 20th Century Writers. 4 Vol.
MAJ
- 920 Contemporary Dramatists
VIN
- 920 Contemporary Novelists
VIN
- 809.2 Major Modern Dramatists
OMAJ
- 810.9 Modern American Literature
MOD
- 809 Modern Black Writers
MOD
- 810.9 Modern American Women Writers
MOD
- 810.3 The Continuum Encyclopedia of American Literature
CON
- 809 Who's Who in Twentieth Century Literature
SEY
- 809.933 Social Protest Literature
NET
- 920 A to Z of American Women Writers

KOR

809.3 Novelists and Novels
BLO

810.9 The Chronology of American Literature
CHR

810.3 Encyclopedia of Frontier Literature
SNO

809.393 The Social Impact of the Novel
JOH

810.9 Reader's Encyclopedia of American Literature 2nd. Ed.
HAR

810.9 Reference Guide to American Literature
REF

The following are multi-volume works. Indicate if your author is included by giving page numbers and volume.

AP: Check 4 (Get at least one from each group)

Tl: Check 3 (get one from each group)

GROUP 1*

810.9 American Women Writers
AME 4 Volumes - Alphabetical arrangement covering women writers to the present.

810.9 American Writers - 18 Volumes with authors listed on spine of each book and American Writers Classics. Supplement 14 vol.

810.9 Concise Dictionary of America Literary Biography
CON 6 Vol. - Books divided by time period.

820.9 Great Writers of the English Language
GRE 14 Volumes - Covering both British and American authors. Vol. 14 is the Index volume.

028.1 Beacham's Guide to Literature for Young Adults
BEA 16 Volumes - Covers writers whose works are used by young adults.

809 Literature and Its Times. 5 Vol. , 2 Vol. Supplement.
LIT Places novels in their historical perspective.

809 Novels for Students - 21 Volumes - presents analysis context and criticism on commonly
NOV

studied novels - Last volume - cumulative index.

GROUP 2*

- 809
MAS Masterplots Rev Ed. - 12 Volumes arranged by titles of novels and plays, giving plot summaries or important novels and some criticism
- 809
MAS Masterplots Rev.2nd.Ed. - 12 Volumes - alphabetical by titles of novels and plays - expanded and updated. Titles have been added and deleted.
- 809
SUR Survey of Contemporary Literature - 12 Volumes alphabetized by title for works published since 1954.
- 809.3
MAS Masterplots II: American Fiction Series
4 Volumes - Covering up to 1983.
- 809.3
SUR Survey of Science Fiction Literature - 5 Volumes alphabetized by book title.
- 809.02
MAS Masterplots II: Drama Series
4 Volumes - 20th Drama works.
- 810.9
MAG Magill's Survey of American Literature
6 Vol., 2 Vol. Supplement - Alphabetical by author.
- 813.5
BEA Beacham's Popular Fiction
Covers 1950 to present. 4 Volumes. Alphabetical by author. With 2 Volumes update.
- 810.9
GRE Great American Writers - 13 Volumes. Covers writers of 20th. century.
- 810.9
AME American Writers - Supplement I- XIV. A collection of literary biographies

GROUP 3*

- 809.04
CON Contemporary Literary Criticism - 1945+
Included are abstracts (summaries) of criticism of your author's work from a variety of books, articles, journals. Your author may be in many volumes. (Volume 45, indexes all of the Literary criticism books.)
- 809.04
TWE Twentieth Century Literary Criticism -
Index same as Contemporary Literary Criticism:
Covers early 1900's.
- 809.04
NIX Nineteenth Century Literary Criticism
Index same as Contemporary Literary Criticism:
Covers 1800 - 1899.

- 809.04 Literature Criticism from 1400 to 1800
LIT Index same as Contemporary Literary
- 809.2 Drama Criticism - Indexed same as Contemporary
DRA Literary Criticism. Covers dramatic works from
all the worlds' literature.
- 809.03 Beacham's Encyclopedia of Popular Fiction - 16 vols.
BEA Compilation of analytical essays on authors of works
of popular fiction.
- 810.3 Encyclopedia of American Literature - 3 Vols. -
ENC Discusses literary movements, characters, works and
author.
- 810.9 Twentieth Century American Literature -
TWE 7 Volumes - Arranged alphabetically.
- 813.009 Notable American Novelists - 3 Volumes
NOT Alphabetical arrangement of 19th and 20th Century
authors.
- 809.91 Literary Movements for Students - 2 Vols.
LIT Places novels in context with literary movements.
- 810.9 The Beat Generation - 3 vol.
BEA Discusses the Beat Generation and their work.

COMPUTERS

- A. Galenet - List (1) one bibliography for any article about your
author found on the Galenet. Use keyword search.
- B. Internet - Find one address where you found information on about your
author. Write the address below.

- C. Access PA Using Access PA find a secondary source book that you could borrow from another library. Write the title and the library where the book is located.
- D. Magill-On-Line Using this site find the Masterplots article about your novel, print it and attach to this worksheet. Use the masterplots Rev., 2nd. Ed. article when possible.

CARD CATALOG

Look under your author's name. Primary sources are books that your author wrote.

The author's card designates a book by the author. The author's name will look like this on the top of the card:

Steinbeck, John

If your author is treated as a subject, the book or source is about your author. The name will be written like this on the top of card:

STEINBECK, JOHN

If there is a section of a book or pamphlet about your author (an analytic entry), the card will look like this:

Steinbeck, John, pp. 43-47

List up to four (4) primary sources:

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List secondary sources **NOT** found previously in this worksheet (these sources are extremely important for your paper). **WRITE CALL NUMBER AND TITLE. (LIST UP TO 8, IF POSSIBLE.)**

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Vertical File (located in brown file cabinets near windows.)

If there is a card in the card catalog that says "See BIOGRAPHY in the Vertical File, go to the "B" drawer and look under Biography. Is your author in the Vertical File?

Yes or No

AV Material

Colors could include purple, brown, green, etc. List AV material that are available by call number:

Microfiche (these are coded yellow). List microfiche about your author by call number.

Look under the subject heading AMERICAN LITERATURE--HISTORY AND CRITICISM. List 2 titles and call numbers that might deal with your author.

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BROWSE TIME

Browse through the literature section 800-819. (Concentrate mainly on 810-819). Check the indexes in the books on those shelves. List 8 books that have information on your author. (WRITE CALL NUMBERS AND TITLES. THESE BOOKS CANNOT APPEAR ELSEWHERE ON THIS SHEET.)

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DID YOU FIND ENOUGH CRITICAL MATERIAL TO DO A TERM PAPER? _____

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