

Author Project Biography Worksheet

Good biographies offer a careful examination of the individual that include background information and essentials. Please include the following:

- 1. Who is your author? What is unique about the individual's life aside from writing? Explain their family situation (married, single, kids?)**

- 2. When did he/ she live? How does time period effect writing?**

- 3. Where is he/she from? How does location influence the author's writing?**

- 4. What did the individual write? Include a brief annotation of each major work. What genre of writing does this author fit into? (Novel, short story, poetry, essays etc.)**

- 5. Why did this person become a writer? What influenced his/her decision to write?**

- 6. How did the author get started?**

- 7. What kind of writing does the writer do? Consider tone, mood, politics, philosophy, interests, imagination of the writer, and so on. What are the major themes and ideas the writer explores?**

- 8. Select a meaningful quotation about writing or a life statement that your individual is quoted as saying. This statement may be the nucleus of how you put your biography together.**

- 9. Other information that might be useful or of interest to readers such as hobbies, important life aspects, travels, interests—anything that may be useful to readers.**