

GREAT AMERICAN AUTHORS RESEARCH REPORT

7TH Grade English

5 Paragraphs

- I. Introductory paragraph with the thesis of your paper included.
 - II. A short Biography of the writer's life
 - III. The writer's style of writing – possible examples of style
 - IV. Why the writer is a Great American Author
 - V. A concluding paragraph – sum up what was said
- You MUST include at least **6 quotes** from your resources in your paper.

Resources Used

1. book
2. encyclopedia
3. magazine or newspaper article
4. internet source
5. 2 other sources (any of the above, dictionary, video, interview, movie, tape)

Necessary Papers

1. Outline Rough Draft and Corrected copy
2. Index cards of Bibliography and Quotes
3. Bibliography Rough Draft and Corrected Bibliography
4. Rough Draft of Research Paper
5. Research Paper

These papers will be put in an envelope and turned in. DO NOT throw away ANY rough drafts.

Plan your research paper. Follow an outline. Keep to your deadlines. ASK questions when you do not understand something.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Biography of writer:

1. Where and when was he/she born?
2. Around what type of living conditions did the author grow up?
3. What was the author's educational background?
4. Did the author have any other type of job besides writing?
5. Who was the author's family? Were there any children?
6. How did the author die?

Writings of the Author:

1. What "style" did the author write?
2. Who was the audience for the author's writing?
3. Was the author influenced by the social conditions of the time he lived?
4. What were some of the well-known writings of the author?
5. Are there any famous quotes from the author's writing?
6. Was the author popular during their lifetime?

Why the Writer is a Great American Author:

1. What do critics say about the author? What did critics say when the author was alive?
2. Did the author win any awards for writing?
3. What do people say about the author today?
4. How many publications of the author's works have there been?
5. Is the author studied today?
6. Have there been movies or plays written about the author or any of their works?
7. Why is the author remembered today?