

English 11AP
Research Report
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Name: _____

Author/Topic: _____

Library Research Project: Author's Report

Step 1: Choose an author – DONE

Step 2: Research the author's life- 2/10/12, 2/13/12, 2/14/12, 2/15/12, 2/16/12, 2/21/12

- A. We will be spending a possible five days in the library. On these days you will report directly to the library. During this time you should be collecting information in whatever fashion suits you best. You should be looking up information pertaining to your chosen author's life. This will help you establish a background in which to read the author's work.
- B. You should have ***at least eight sources***. Only two may be electronic (and those need to be electronic journals, not internet sources. Well you can use the author's official webpage, but that's it!). You should look for the following information when researching your author:
1. Date of birth.
 2. Date of death (if applicable)
 3. The types of literature he/she wrote
 4. His/her major works
 5. Significant awards
 6. Life experiences that influenced his/her writing
 7. The major themes or topics discussed in his/her writing
 8. Any other pertinent information
 9. Any unusual facts about the author
 10. Criticism of the author

Step 3: Reading of Primary Sources

- A. You need to read two books by your author. You should attempt to obtain these books during our days in the library (or just go to the library before that and pick them up).

Step 4: Research Paper- DUE: 3/27/12

- A. You need to write a *six to seven* page paper on one of the following topics:
1. Something about the author or the author's life you find interesting
 2. The author's style of writing
 3. How the author's life effected or effects his/her writing.
- B. I will talk to each of you about your topic. You should start thinking about what you might want to research for your paper when you start researching your author.

C. Requirements of the paper

1. 6-7 pages in length
2. Minimum of eight sources- only two electronic and they must be journals
3. 8-10 parenthetical citations (at least one per source)
4. Final paper must be typed, double space, in 12 point font, Times New Roman.
5. All pages must have a header with your last name and page number

Step 5: Final Presentation- DUE: 3/28/12

- A. Tea Party. You will dress up like your author, act like them, and be in character as your author for the entire period. Tea will be served, and questions will be asked...

LATE PAPERS ARE NOT ACCEPTED. LATE PRESENTATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED. What this means in layman's terms is that if you don't hand the paper in the day it is due, it is a ZERO. If you are not prepared to give your oral presentation when you are called to do so, it is a ZERO.

Remember, this paper counts at 30% of your grade. You better do this, or else. Dun dun dun!



(He started his paper late. Don't be like him, or your computer will taunt you.)