

Author Study Assignment

You will be working with a small group to learn and share some information about one of the authors that we'll be reading in this unit. Each group will be assigned one of the following authors:

Circle the author you must research

- Roald Dahl
- Saki (H.H. Munro)
- Edgar Allen Poe
- Ray Bradbury
- James Hurst

Find and record the following information about your author. Each group member will be in charge of one section of the presentation.

1. Titles of five works written by the author and a 1-2 sentence explanation of what the writing is about. (One must be the short story we will read in here.)
2. Where and when this person lived, important people in this person's life and why (should be 4-5 sentences)
3. Author's genre, common topics and/ or themes (What does this person write about? Should be 4-5 sentences.)
4. Three other facts of your choice- should be meaningful and connect to the author's works/life. *if you are a group of 3, each person should find one additional fact.
5. Photograph of the author (on the power point)

Use online sources that are reliable and scholarly (See examples on Miss Geiger's website and media center website) <http://geigerenglish.weebly.com/>

Organize your information into a brief Power Point and share it with the class. Be sure everyone participates equally in preparing and presenting your information.

You will be graded on the following areas:

- Content- Did you find and share all the required information?
- Works Cited List: Did you accurately record your source information?
- Participation: Did each group member contribute to the final product?

You will be presenting your power point to the class just before we start the short story. I am looking for eye contact, voice projection and giving clear, easy to understand information.

Author Study**Rubric**

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Content	Thoroughly covers all required information	Mostly covers required information	Covers some required information	Missing much of the required information
Works Cited List	All citations are completely accurate	Citations are mostly accurate	Citations have many errors	Citations are incomplete or unrecognizable
Participation		Group member was on task and shared information with the group	Group member was sometimes off task; the work load was obviously unbalanced	Group member was frequently off task; one or more group members did not contribute to the group

Total: ____ / 11 points

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