

Author Study Research Paper and PowerPoint Proposal Form

Directions: Print this form and complete it in lovely blue or black ink; turn it in as soon as you are finished, and look for your approval on the main page of the AP blog.

Your Name:

Period:

Author from the Reading List:

What texts you plan to read (or have read):

Why you want to study and present this author:

Check the main page of the blog site for the list of students and “snagged” authors. If someone has already been given permission to study a given author, no one else in that class may choose that author. Remember, no Shakespeare—too done. Stretch beyond your comfort zone and learn about someone new

AS A REMINDER, THE ORIGINAL ASSIGNMENT IS REPRINTED BELOW.

Assignment #2—Author Study essay and PowerPoint.

Essay: Write a 3-4 page essay detailing key features of the quality of the writing of a given author. (You must have your author approved in advance.) You must reference at least four, full-length works (or four collections of shorter works) of your author. To do this, you must read at least 800-1,000 pages of writing of your author. You are to feature three qualities of writing exhibited through examples in these four (or more) works, and thus these four (or more) works are to be represented in your bibliography. Your bibliography must also include two works of literary criticism that you cite in your essay in support of your claims of your writer’s specific qualities. So, you are become an authority on an approved writer in order to write a 3-4 page researched, literary analysis of the work of this given author with at least six sources cited on the bibliography. We will complete this project in stages as outlined below:

- ☑ Author proposal due: A-day: Thursday, January 5; B-day: Friday, January 6. (USE FORM POSTED ON BLOG MAIN PAGE.)
- ☑ List of Texts Read and Essay Outline due: A-day: Thursday, February 2; B-day: Friday, February 3.
- ☑ First whole and complete essay draft due: A-day: Thursday, March 8; B-day: Friday, March 9.
- ☑ Second whole and complete essay draft due: A-day: Wednesday, March 14; B-day: Thursday, March 15.
- ☑ Final draft due with all earlier work attached: A-day: Wednesday, March 21; B-day: Thursday, March 22.

PowerPoint: Construct a 20-30 slide presentation highlighting the qualities of the work of your author, giving quotations, plots, or other features of your writer. You should indicate if any of your writer’s work was adapted to other media or translated into other languages. You must include an appropriate, relevant image with each slide, and your presentation must have a unified theme. Your last slide or two will be a bibliography. We will review strong PowerPoint techniques as you work on this assignment.

Final PowerPoint due on Mrs. Leake’s computer NO LATER THAN Friday, April 13 for both A and B days. TURN IT IN EARLY! Students are advised to make sure that their presentations run on school computers: technical difficulties will not be excused. You may also wish to review some of your work with Mrs. Leake ahead of the due date; come during EO or schedule a time to meet.