

# March Madness Author Study Project

## Project #1: All About the Author - Informational

In this project, you will research **everything** you can about your author, learning specifically **why** your author actually became a writer!

- **First**, using your research graphic organizer and the research resources provided to you in the March Madness Google Classroom, research and take notes on your author. You may research your author the following ways: checking out a book from the media center, MackinVia, and your author's official website.
- **Next**, be sure to read and take notes in a **sequential** order about your author's life. Remember to only take notes on the most important details about your author, and find out **why** they became a writer!
- Then, using your notes you will write an informational piece about your author that will **TEACH** the class about **WHY** your author wanted to become a writer. You can write this piece from two different perspectives, either from the perspective of the author (using 'I') **or** from the perspective of your author's most famous character (using 'he' or 'she').
- When you complete your writing piece, you will create a poster to look like your author or your author's most famous character (whichever perspective you chose to write your piece from).
- You will cut out a hole in the poster board for you to put your own head through in order to **present** your author (therefore, either becoming the author, or becoming one of their most famous characters)!

*Due: Thursday, March 12*

### Timeline for the Week:

Monday (3/2): Research Your Author

Wednesday (3/4) - Thursday (3/5): Draft Your Informational Piece on Your Author's Life

Friday (3/6): Spice Up Your Introduction!

- Did I find an interesting way to hook my audience?

Monday (3/9): Craft and Elaboration Check

- Only the important information included?
- Did I use figurative language?
- Did I include a quote from my author?

- Did I include different types of information?
- Did I include good word choice (academic language?)

**Tuesday (3/10) - Thursday (3/12) : Final Copy / Work on Poster**

**Thursday (3/12): Final Copy and Poster Due!**

*\*Anything you do not finish you will have to complete at home on your own time.*

*\*All projects must be completed by Friday, April 3rd, so that all projects can be presented the week of April 13th.*