

March Madness Author Study

For March Madness, you will be assigned a specific author that you LOVE. Some of you *may* share an author with another student, but many of you will be the only person representing your author. The purpose of this unit is to familiarize yourself with one author (and many of their books), but then learn about other authors as well. Throughout March Madness, you will continue to practice your ability to write informational, opinion, and narrative pieces. However, this time, all of the writing will focus on the **author** you are learning about. Below are the three different projects you will complete throughout the month of March:

Project 1: All About the Author (Informational Writing)

Due March 12 (7 days)

Project 2: Second Chance (Narrative Writing)

Due March 26 (7 days)

Project 3: Book Review (Opinion Writing)

Due April 3 (6 days)

In addition to these projects, a March Madness "bracket" will be made with all of the authors that will be studied by all students. When we return from Spring Break, you will research and debate about which authors should win their bracket challenges and then vote on your choices. The author who has the most votes will move on to the next round. You will continue to learn more about each of the authors until we have ONE WINNER!

The winner of March Madness
will be announced on April 20!!