

Literature
Author Biography Worksheet

Answer the following questions on this paper or by downloading this document from the network and typing your answers. Be sure to answer all parts of every question. Use the two column format to help with your organization.

1. Author name	
2. Place of birth	
3. Date of birth	
4. Date of death (if applicable)	
5. Place of death (if applicable)	
6. Interesting facts about this author's childhood (parents, siblings, people that influenced them, interests, etc.)	
7. Place(s) where this author lived. Include dates and explain how each place influenced them.	
8. How did this author become inspired to write? (What events happened in their life to make them become a writer or to make them write they way they do/did, e.g., education, work experiences, historical events, family life, lost love, etc.)	
9. Where applicable, explain any obstacles this writer faced, such as character flaws, conflicts with other people or with society, prejudice, mental or physical illness, etc.	

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<p>10. How successful was this author during his/her lifetime? (Did they win awards, earn money, become popular, etc. from their work? Were they successful at something besides writing?) Be sure list the author's accomplishments throughout their lifetime.</p>	
<p>11. If the author wasn't successful or popular at the time of their death, explain how and why they are still well known today (Who revived their work? When? etc.).</p>	
<p>12. Why is this author considered influential? (What was/is unique or revolutionary about their writing?) If possible, name other authors or literary movements who were influenced by this author.</p>	