**Author Research Presentation Directions**

**Step 1—Gather sources.**

**You must use at least 3 sources for your report. You must use at least 1 book source. Internet sources must be reliable sources.**

**Step 2—Create note cards (fact cards and source cards.)**

**For each source you use to gather information, you will create a card in which you will write down the author of the book/article, title of the source, publication date, and publication place. This will help you create your works cited page later. Also, put a number in the upper right hand corner of your source card. Example: for your first source, write a number 1.**

**For each fact card, you will write the number of the source where you found the fact on the card. For example if your fact came from your source #2, write a 2 on the fact card. You will write only ONE fact per note card. To make it easier to organize your cards, write a topic at the top of each card. For instance, if you find a fact about where your author went to college, write EDUCATION at the top.**

**Step 3—Create your outline.**

**Once you have gathered approximately 50-75 note cards, you may begin your outline.**

**Step 4—PowerPoint Presentation (approximately 15-20 slides)**

**Step 5—Works Cited Page (slide on PowerPoint.) You may use easybib.com.**

**Step 6- Presentation. Submit all note cards, printed articles from the Internet, outline, and a printed copy of PowerPoint Presentation.**

**NOTE: You will present the information you learned about your author to the class. Try not to read directly from your PowerPoint (you need to sound knowledgeable about your author.) Presentation should be 5-10 minutes long (no shorter, no longer!) Keep in mind that you will be presenting your *visual/creative project* and *allowing time for your audience to ask questions!***

**Author Research Outline**

1. **Background of Author**
   1. **Early Life**
      1. **Who is the author?**
      2. **Birthdate/Birthplace**
      3. **Where did he/she grow up? Did this influence the author’s works?**
      4. **Education**
      5. **Family Life**
   2. **Adult Life**
      1. **Jobs**
      2. **Family**
      3. **Travels**
      4. **Illnesses and/or tragic events**
      5. **Other major events**
      6. **Death Date/Circumstances of death (if deceased)**
2. **Writings**
   1. **Form: poetry, novel, plays, short stories, etc.**
   2. **Fiction and/or nonfiction**
   3. **Genre**
   4. **Summaries (1-2 paragraphs each) of at least TWO writings that you have read by your author**
   5. **Aspects of your author that reflect his/her life**
      1. **Favorite time/setting**
      2. **Favorite type of character**
      3. **Favorite style**
      4. **Favorite topic/plot**
      5. **Favorite conflict, climax, resolution**
      6. **Favorite theme**
      7. **Author purpose for writing**
   6. **Awards earned by author**
3. **Your reactions (use first person in this section)**
   1. **Explain how you feel about this author after studying him/her**
   2. **Would you like to meet him/her? Why or why not? Do you admire anything about your author? Do you dislike anything about your author?**
   3. **List other writings about your author that you might want to read.**
4. **In an interview format, list 5 questions you would like to ask your author and 5 possible answers that you believe the author would give for the questions.**
5. **Present visual/creative project. This may be a painting, poster, collage, diorama, sculpture, etc. Be CREATIVE, but make sure that your project relates to your author and/or their works.**
6. **Answer questions from audience.**

**Author Research Presentation Rubrics**

**PowerPoint Information**:

Background \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/25

Writings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/25

Your Reactions \_\_\_\_\_\_/30

Works Cited \_\_\_\_\_\_/20

Mechanics \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/50

(spelling, grammar, punctuation, capitalization, formal language)

**Total \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/150**

**Presentation:**

Well-prepared \_\_\_\_\_/10

Knowledgeable \_\_\_\_\_/10

Proper Grammar \_\_\_\_\_/10

Eye Contact \_\_\_\_\_/10

Appropriate volume \_\_\_\_\_/10

**TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_\_/50**

**Visual/Creative Project:**

Neatness \_\_\_\_\_/10

Effort \_\_\_\_\_/10

Creativity \_\_\_\_\_/10

Relevance to Author \_\_\_\_\_/20

**TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_/50**

**Preparation:**

**Notecards (Fact and Source Cards) \_\_\_\_\_\_/10**

**Outline \_\_\_\_\_\_/10**

**TOTAL SCORE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/270**