

# Author Study Independent Project

Over the next few weeks you will undertake an author study. You will need to read at least two books from the chosen author, preferably more. You may choose an author you are already familiar with and have read some of their books. Alternatively, browse the library shelves and look for an author who has published several books that interest you. Choosing a picture storybook is preferable.

It's an excellent opportunity to use your independent reading time at school or home, to get some reading done. Make sure you bring the books to and from school everyday.

## Step 1

Decide on an author. Borrow or obtain books. Begin reading. You need to read at least two books before moving onto step two.

## Step 2

Complete a Venn Diagram to compare and contrast one of the following:

- Characters
- Setting
- Illustrations

## Step 3

Illustrate your response to the books. Do not simply copy. What did the text make you think, feel or remember? Your drawing may be quite abstract.

## Step 4

Complete the Author Study Biography.

## Step 5

Choose one of the following options to respond to your author.

### 1. Write a letter to a character in one of the author's books

Create your own illustration of a character, then display the letter and the illustration on a poster board. Variation: write a letter to a character in the same style as the author.

### 2. Write a fan letter to the author

Mention specific characters and say why they are such favourites. Or talk about particular themes/illustrations found commonly in the author's work.

### 3. Dramatize a scene from one of the books

Create a 'Reader's Theatre' piece from the entire book, transforming the story into a theatre script.

### 4. Develop a timeline about the author

This can show biographical details as well as information about the books they have published. Adding photos and art to the timeline would strengthen its value and interest.

### 5. Create a magazine cover

Create a magazine cover about the author, featuring their photograph and then headlines giving a taste of their books and biography.

### 6. Create a collage

Create a collage using a similar style to that used by the author.

## Step 6

Present your response to the class. Hand in all of the responses – Venn Diagram, illustration and biography. Attach the Student Checklist to the front and complete.