Author Study

The author study project will be completed after reading a minimum of two-three books written by one author. You must read two non-series books!

The following must be included in your project:

- A picture of your author
- A biography of the author which answers the questions below
  
  **Personal:**
  1. When did this author live? If living, how old is he/she? If not living, when did he/she die? How old was he at death?
  2. Where does/did this author live?
  3. Does he have family? Children?
  4. What interests does he have outside of writing?
  5. Give an example of a personal experience this author has which affects his writing/work.
  6. What or who influenced him to become a writer?

  **Professional:**

  1. What are the names of at least 5 other books your author has written
  2. Which was the first book written?
  3. Have any of the books won awards?
  4. Why did this author choose writing as a career?

- A summary paragraph of each of the books selected (2 separate paragraphs)
- A compare/contrast paragraph comparing the characters of the 2-3 books
- A compare/contrast paragraph comparing the settings, **OR** the themes of the 2-3 books
- A persuasive argument convincing us that one book is better than the other(s) -1 paragraph

- Answer the **three Critical Inquiry Questions:**

  1. How have the author's works changed over the years?
  2. What are the recurring themes in the author's works?
  3. How is the author's life reflected in his works?

**Project Options:** Newsletter, Author Collage, Display Board (3-fold), Powerpoint