



AUTHOR STUDY: EXPLORING POETS AND THEIR WORK

Researching the Lives and Words of Poets



WHAT IS AN AUTHOR STUDY?

An author study is an in-depth exploration of a poet's life and work. During this project, you will:

- **Research their biography:** Important life events and influences.
- **Analyze their themes:** Big ideas in their poetry (e.g., love, nature, identity).
- **Understand their style:** How they write (structure, imagery, rhythm).
- **Write about one of their most famous poems:** Its meaning, themes, and style.

Purpose: Understand the connection between a poet's life and their poetry.

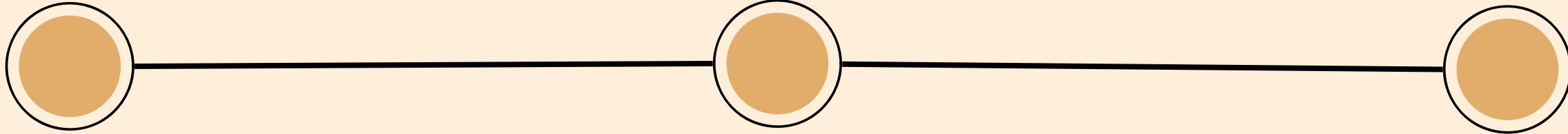
WHY STUDY POETS?

- Poetry reflects deep emotions, ideas, and culture.
- Learn how a poet's life influences their voice and themes.



- Practice reading and analyzing poetic language.
- Discover the power of words to inspire and connect us.

HOW TO CHOOSE A POET



STEP 1: THINK ABOUT YOUR INTERESTS

- What topics interest you?
 - Love, nature, identity, social justice, etc.
- Do you prefer classic or modern poetry?

STEP 2: RESEARCH POETS

- Explore poets from different backgrounds and styles.
 - Suggested poets:
 - Maya Angelou, Robert Frost, Langston Hughes, Emily Dickinson, Amanda Gorman, Shel Silverstein.

STEP 3: NARROW YOUR CHOICES

- Pick a poet whose themes or style you connect with.
- Ensure there are enough resources available about them.

GETTING STARTED WITH RESEARCH

Step 1: Learn About the Poet's Life

- Research their background:
 - Where and when did they live?
 - What experiences shaped their work?

Step 2: Select a Poem to Analyze

- Choose one of their most famous or meaningful works.
- Look for themes, style, and meaning in the poem.

Step 3: Use Reliable Sources

- Books, articles, and credible websites are great starting points.



THE CRAAP METHOD FOR EVALUATING RESOURCES

CRAAP helps you evaluate the quality of your sources.

Currency: Is the information up-to-date?

- When was it published or last updated?

Relevance: Does it relate to your research?

- Is it detailed and appropriate for your grade level?

Authority: Who is the author or publisher?

- Are they credible or experts on the topic?

Accuracy: Is the information true?

- Are there sources cited? Does it match other reliable information?

Purpose: Why was it written?

- Is it to inform, persuade, or sell something? Look for bias.

Tip: Double-check your sources before using them in your paper.

RESEARCH PAPER BREAKDOWN

- Your research paper will include:
- Introduction
 - Introduce the poet and their significance.
- Biography
 - Summarize their life story and influences.
- Poem Analysis
 - Choose one poem and discuss:
 - What it's about.
 - Themes and imagery.
 - The poet's style and technique.
- Conclusion
 - Reflect on their contributions to poetry and why their work matters.

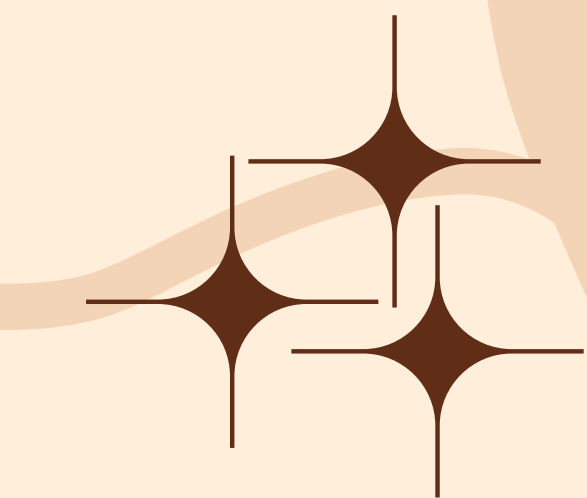


TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

Reliable Sources: Use library databases, books, and trusted websites.

Organize Your Notes: Write down key details under categories like "Biography" and "Poetry Themes."

Ask for Help: Ms. Martocello or your local librarian can guide you if you're unsure where to start.






HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

Pick Your Poet and Find One Source

- 1. Choose a poet you'd like to study.**
- 2. Find one source about them (a book, article, or credible website).**
- 3. Write down the source information (title, author, URL, etc.) and submit via google form.**
- 4. Be ready to share your poet choice and source in class next week.**



EXAMPLES OF POETS

Here are some poets to consider for your study:

Classic Poets

- William Wordsworth
- Emily Dickinson
- Langston Hughes
- Robert Frost
- Gwendolyn Brooks

Contemporary Poets

- Amanda Gorman
- Rupi Kaur
- Joy Harjo
- Naomi Shihab Nye
- Kwame Alexander

Tip: Explore poets from different backgrounds, styles, and time periods to find someone inspiring!

QUESTIONS?

