

Lesson Plan

Grade level(s): 11

Topic: Brainstorm ideas for the Junior English research paper on an American author.

Objective(s): Students will brainstorm ideas for their topic and narrow their research to a specific part of the Author's life.

Big6 Skills: Use of Information

Materials Required: Handout, pen or pencil, collection of author books

Time Required: 30 minutes

Description of activities:

- Students will use a graphic organizer to brainstorm and write down all of the ideas that they can about an author.
- Students will add to the graphic organizer any additional ideas that they can get from the books.
- Students choose one of the ideas to focus their research on.
- Students will write a short explanation of how the organizer helped them decide on their subject.

Assessment: Student will turn in graphic organizers and I will see if the organizer helped them narrow their search.