

## AUTHOR PROJECT PART I—BARANOSKI

### GETTING STARTED

Each of you must pick an American novelist from the attached list (an author may only be selected once per hour). In Author Project Part I you will be researching and writing about his/her life and writing career. For Author Project Part II, you will be reading a novel by him/her (this must be something that we do not read together in class) and then writing a critique of the novel. In Author Project Part III, you will be researching what professional reviewers/writers say about the novel you read and then you will give an oral presentation on his/her life and career, the novel you read, and what the professional reviewers said about it.

Keep all of these parts in mind as you are deciding on your author.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTHOR PROJECT PART I

- I. Life information
  - A. exact birth date
  - B. names of parents, numbers of siblings
  - C. educational background (elementary through post-secondary)
  - D. employment, other than writing
  - E. name(s) of spouse(s); length of marriage(s)
  - F. names of children
  - G. date of death (if possible)
- II. Career information
  - A. how and where he/she was first published
  - B. first major work—title and date of publication
  - C. other major works—titles and dates of publication
  - D. last or latest major work—title and date of publication
  - E. major writing awards
  - F. most famous work (in your opinion)
- III. Other Stuff—include any interesting facts you dig up about your author
- IV. Properly formatted Works Cited must be included
- V. Extra credit—use (and spell correctly up) to five vocabulary words; one point per word

### IMPORTANT DATES

- I. decision on author and novel (for Part II): Friday, Sept. 12
- II. rough draft: Monday, Sept. 22
- III. final copy: Monday, Sept. 29
- IV. finish novel by: Monday, Oct. 20

LIST OF AMERICAN NOVELISTS FOR AUTHOR PROJECT  
(ANY AUTHOR NOT ON THIS LIST MUST BE OKAYED BY MRS. B.)

MITCH ALBOM	LOUSIA MAY ALCOTT	JULIA ALVAREZ
SHERWOOD ANDERSON	MAYA ANGELOU	ISAAC ASIMOV
JUDY BLUME	RAY BRADBURY	DAN BROWN
TRUMAN CAPOTE	WILLA CATHER	KATE CHOPIN
TOM CLANCY	MARY HIGGINS CLARK	PAT CONROY
JAMES FENIMORE COOPER	PATRICIA CORNWELL	STEPHEN CRANE
MICHAEL CRICHTON	CLIVE CUSSLER	WILLIAM FAULKNER
F. SCOTT FITZGERALD	KEN FOLLETT	BEN FRANKLIN
ERNEST GAINES	SUE GRAFTON	JOHN GRISHAM
NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE	ERNEST HEMINGWAY	ZORA NEALE HURSTON
JOHN IRVING	JACK KEROUAC	KEN KESEY
SUE MONK KIDD	STEPHEN KING	BARBARA KINGSOLVER
JOHN KNOWLES	DEAN KOONTZ	JON KRAKAUER
ROBERT LUDLUM	BERNARD MALAMUD	FRANK MCCOURT
HERMAN MELVILLE	MARGARET MITCHELL	TONI MORRISON
JAMES PATTERSON	JODI PICOULT	SYLVIA PLATH
MARIO PUZO	AYN RAND	ANNE RICE
J.D. SALINGER	ALICE SEBOLD	JANE SMILEY
NICHOLAS SPARKS	DANIELLE STEEL	JOHN STEINBECK
AMY TAN	SCOTT TUROW	MARK TWAIN
ANNE TYLER	JOHN UPDIKE	KURT VONNEGUT
ALICE WALKER	EDITH WHARTON	THOMAS WOLFE
TOM WOLFE	RICHARD WRIGHT	