

Getting Started with Author Studies

- ☐ Choose an Author
- ☐ Decide how long you'll study the author.
 - 1 week [5 books]
 - 2 weeks [10 books]
- ☐ Create an Author Study Cheat Sheet [see attached].
- ☐ Gather as many books by the author as you can.
 - Your Classroom Library
 - School and Public Libraries
 - Other Teachers
 - Find Read-alouds Online
- ☐ Get a few prompts ready.
- ☐ Read and Wonder — be curious together.

Other Activities:

- ☐ Make charts, graphics
- ☐ Group the books in various ways
- ☐ Write a class letter to the author
- ☐ Research more as a class
- ☐ Make a poster
- ☐ Ask for an interview or find one online

Author Study Cheat Sheet for:

☐ When was the author born? Are they still alive?

☐ Where do they live? Who do they live with?

☐ Early Life

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☐ Awards and Accomplishments

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☐ Interesting Facts

☐ Their thoughts or a quote on Writing or Being an Author

☐ Books [best known for]

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☐ Prompts [Things you want your students to notice.]

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