

Guidelines for Preparing a Script for the Panel Discussion

After you complete Phase 1 on the **Biography Assignment Sheet**, work with a group of four or five students to prepare a script with questions and answers for your panel discussion.

- When you begin planning the script, choose a leader, recorder, timekeeper, and presenter for your group. The presenter should be ready to describe the progress of the group at any time.
- Use higher-order thinking to create in-depth questions and answers based on the information you have gathered about your authors. Be innovative, rather than just focusing on birth dates and death dates.
- Use print and Internet resources to prepare meaningful questions that stimulate thinking.
- Form an outline or framework for your questions to create a presentation that is 8 to 10 minutes long.
- Your panel discussion should coordinate with the handouts or visual displays you each will create during Phase 2 of the research process.
- You may prepare additional questions for the “audience” to ask, with your answers prepared in advance as well.

Enjoy the process, and make the panel discussion an effective culmination of the most significant information you have learned about your authors during the reading and researching process! 😊