

Inquiry Questions Guide

Name/group: _____

Book title and author: _____

Use this guide to determine inquiry questions to guide your author study research. Keep in mind the following questions:

- What is the author's cultural and personal background?
- What about this author's background qualifies him or her to write this novel?
- How does the author's personal and cultural background tie into the storyline?
- How can the author's background tie into poetry and performance?

Select the questions that best reflect what you need to learn about your author and what you would like to learn about the author's background as it qualifies him or her to write the novel:

- How do the main characters in this book reflect characters in the author's real life?
- What characters were made up and what characters were real?
- How does the author use his or her own experiences to write about historical events?
- How does the author use history to tell his or her own life story?
- Why did the author choose to write this novel?
- In what way does this novel tell the author's own story?
- Where did this author grow up and how is this brought into the novel's setting?
- How does the author's own upbringing relate to the novel?
- What aspects of the author's experiences are in the book?
- How much was this author's life like a novel?

Use the space below to write down additional questions you may have:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Use the back of this sheet to record information you find during your research.