

# Short Paper Assignment (Author)

Lit. 214

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You are to research and write about an author working within the parameters of this course. Race, religion, and national origin are of little no importance.

Your choice of writers need not be one of the more famous authors such as Walt Whitman, Emily Dickenson, or Edgar Allen Poe. You may, if you choose, select a lesser known author such as Margaret Fuller, C. Clement Moore, and so on.

What are you being asked to do? The exact nature of your paper depends upon your paper's focus.

For example, this could mean an exploration of the connection between an author's life (experiences) and a specific work. An example would be making a connection between Mark Twain's experiences with Chinese immigrants in California and the development of Twain's hostility towards slavery as found in Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. Or you may wish to simply explore an author's life on a personal or professional level. The subject matter is wide open. Please contact your instructor for further explanations when you need.

The paper's length is 2 ½ to 3 pages in length. Follow MLA standards.

The due date is December 5, 2013.

Walt Whitman

