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English 11 – American Literature
Author Biography Worksheet

Answer the following questions on this paper or by downloading this document from the network and typing your answers. Be sure to answer all parts of every question. Use the two column format to help you study for tests by covering up the right side and quizzing yourself with the questions on the left.

1. Author name	
2. Place of birth	
3. Date of birth	
4. Date of death (if applicable)	
5. Place of death (if applicable)	
6. Burial location (if mentioned)	
7. Interesting facts about this author's childhood (parents, siblings, people that influenced them, interests, etc.)	
8. Place(s) where this author lived. Include dates and explain how each place influenced them.	
9. How did this author become inspired to write? (What events happened in their life to make them become a writer or to make them write they way they do/did, e.g., education, work experiences, historical events, family life, lost love, etc.)	
10. Where applicable, explain any obstacles this writer faced, such as character flaws, conflicts with other people or with society, prejudice, mental or physical illness, etc.	