19th Century Author Research Paper.

Choose an author from the 19th century that was not discussed in Reading class. (Poe, Whitman, Longfellow, Stowe) You will be researching information about your author and composing an eight-paragraph biography.

Research must include 12 notecards (two note cards for each topic; 2-3 facts per topic)

* 2 nonfiction books (encyclopedia, biographies, autobiographies)
* Creditable online sources (Wikipedia NOT creditable)

Topics:

1. Birth/ Personal information (when, where, parents, family)
2. Schooling/ education
3. Other jobs/ careers
4. When and why they became an author (what influences their writing)
5. Famous works (Genres and influences of their writing)
6. Interesting facts or important information you found while researching.

* The overall focus for this assessment is on researching a specific topic. It is imperative that you find factual information about your author to include in your paper. Your paper must refer back to your research and what you recorded on your note cards.
* Must include a page after your essay with an image of your author.

**Research days in class: December 9,10,11 (Notecards)**

**Work on paper in class: December 12,15,16**

**Annotated Bibliography: Friday December 12**

**Work Cited Page: Monday December 15**

**Final Paper Due: Wednesday December 17, 2014**