

iCONN Learning Activity
Reading American Authors

Level: High School (10th Grade)

Task: Students will select books for supplemental reading from a list of American authors provided by the teacher.

Research Question: What can I learn about an author/book that will help me choose a book I can read and enjoy?

Content Area(s): English

State Content Standard(s):

Language Arts:

Standard 1: Reading and Responding: How do we understand what we read?

- Describe, interpret, reflect on, analyze and evaluate text in order to extend understanding and enjoyment
- Select texts for enjoyment

iCONN Database(s): *What Do I Read Next?*

Search Strategy:

1. Go to <http://www.iconn.org/>
2. If the list of databases is not already showing, click on “Select iCONN resources”
3. Open *What Do I Read Next?*
4. Go to *Author Search*
5. Enter the *name of an author* in the search box (e.g., *John Grisham*)
6. Below the search box, select *Name Contains*
7. Above the search box, click on categories in *Find books for:* to deselect categories not useful (e.g., *children*)
8. Click on *Search* (or hit ENTER)
9. Click on *specific titles* to read summaries of the book

Alternate Search Strategy:

1. Go to <http://www.iconn.org/>
2. Click on “Link to Additional Research Resources” below the search box
3. Under *Literature*, click on *Directories of Individual Authors*
4. Click on *American Literature on the Web*
5. Click on the *author’s name*

Adaptations for Differentiated Learning:

Students having difficulty receive additional assistance.

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