

Classic Book Project

When you are finished reading your classic book, you will be required to complete a two-part project.

Part 1:

While reading you must complete 10 job sheets (2 of each type: Vocabulary; Discussion Director; Literary Luminary; Connector; and Character Analyzer). Make sure you complete the job sheets fully (directions are on Google Classroom).

Part 2:

You must research the author and complete an “interview” of the author based on your research and your own thoughts about the book and author. You must have at least 3 sources (Wikipedia is not allowed), and you must cite your sources at the end of the interview. The format for an interview will be reviewed in class. The questions that must be answered are:

What is the book’s genre? Describe what the book is about Where did you write it? How long did it take to write it? What led you up to writing the book (Why did you want to write it)? How was the book received? If you could change anything in the book now, what would it be? If the book was made into a movie, who would you want to star in it? If you could design a website for the book, what would you include in it? What is something personal about you that might surprise others?

A sample interview is at the end of this document for your reference.

1. The interview and job sheets must be in the font, Times New Roman size 12.
2. Have one inch margins on the top, bottom, left and right.
3. You must include a works cited page. We will learn how to cite sources in class and use EasyBib. As you are researching, keep track of all the websites you use.
4. Also be very careful to rephrase the information you use and not plagiarize other people’s words. We will discuss this in class as well.

Sample Interview

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Author Interview

Author Sir James Matthew Barrie, known as J.M. Barrie, was born in Scotland on May 9, 1880. His most famous work is Peter Pan. He died in London on June 19, 1937. I was able to interview Sir J.M. Barrie at his home in London.

Noreen Potterton: Peter Pan is your most well-known work. What is the book's genre?

J.M. Barrie: I think it would be classified as both children's literature and fantasy.

NP: Would you describe what the book is about?

JMB: Peter Pan is about a little boy who ran away from home when he was just a baby because he heard his parents talking about what he would be when he grew up. He was taken by fairies to a magical place called Neverland. Later, he visits the home of the Darlings because he enjoyed hearing the stories Mrs. Darling told the children, Wendy, John, and Michael. One night, the children follow Peter to Neverland, where they have adventures and battle with the pirate Captain Hook.

NP: Where did you write it?

JMB: I wrote it in the Kensington Gardens area of London, England.

NP: How long did it take to write?

JMB: It was an interesting process that took a while. Peter first appeared in a book I wrote in 1902 called The Little White Bird. Then, I wrote the play, Peter Pan, The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up in 1904. I wrote other books, including Peter Pan in Kensington Gardens and Peter and Wendy. The book Peter Pan was published in 1928. So it took a bit of a while!

NP: What led you up to writing the book?

JMB: I have always liked to write, even as a child, and I love childhood. I became friends with one of my neighbors, and I began telling stories about Peter Pan to their children. After that, I

decided to include the character in my writing and write the play for others to enjoy. The rest, as they say, is history!

NP: How was the book received?

JMB: Both the play and the book were well received and successful.

NP: If you could change anything in the book now, what would it be?

JMB: At the end of the book, Peter forgets Tinkerbell. It makes people sad, and I would change it so that Tinkerbell is always with Peter.

NP: If the book was made into a movie, who would you want to star in it?

JMB: I think I would like the little boy from *Home Alone* to be Peter. Wendy could be played by young Emma Watson from the *Harry Potter* movies. I would like to see Alan Rickman, who played Snape in *Harry Potter*, be Captain Hook.

NP: If you could design a website for the book, what would you include in it?

JMB: My website would include lists of the books and the summaries of each, as well as pictures of the characters as I see them and interactive maps of Kensington Gardens and Neverland. I would also include games where you could fly with Tinkerbell and fight the pirates. You would also be able to print out coloring pages of your own. That would be fun!

NP: What is something personal about you that might surprise others?

JMB: I am short...only five feet and one inch tall, and my own St. Bernard dog was the inspiration of Nana in the book. Also, all money, now and forever, made from *Peter Pan* is donated to the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children.

NP: Thank you very much for your time.

JMB: You are most welcome.

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