

## Author in Depth

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<b>Introduction</b>	This guide discusses the Author in Depth feature in Prentice Hall Literature for the American Experience and British Tradition. It talks about the available teaching resources. Next, it discusses the before, during, and after reading activities. Finally, the guide also examines the interactive lesson content on PH Lit Online.
<b>Author in Depth</b>	<p>The Author in Depth feature examines literary works of important authors of the time period. Students compare two or more selections.</p> <p>Locate an Author in Depth feature, and turn to the first page. Notice the Accessibility at a Glance chart that provides leveling information to help identify the more challenging selections. With this information, teachers can plan appropriate reading support for their students.</p>
<b>Time and Resource Manager</b>	<p>The Time and Resource Manager provides detailed lesson plans and lists lesson objectives. It is located a few pages before the Author in Depth feature.</p> <p>The Guide to Selected Leveled Resources is located on the page to the right of the Time and Resource Manager. It describes how to modify a lesson plan to accommodate English learners, below-level students, and special needs students.</p> <p>This information displays core, extended, and intensive support in easy-to-read tables.</p>
<b>Visual Guide to Featured Selection Resources</b>	On the page after the Guide to Selected Resources is the Visual Guide to Featured Selection Resources. This guide displays images of the leveled resources that help personalize instruction. Notice that icons indicate which resources are appropriate for various learners.
<b>Introduce the Featured Author</b>	Turn one more page to find the reading activities that introduce students to the featured author and their literary works. The Teacher's Edition provides background information to help prepare for class discussions.
<b>Reading Activities</b>	The following sections look at the instructional activities students complete before, during, and after reading selections.
<b>Before You Read Activities</b>	<p>There are four Before You Read activities.</p> <p>First, students make connections to an Essential Question, such as <i>What makes American literature American?</i> Benjamin Franklin's autobiography has been called an American success story. Ask students to list the elements they think an American success story should include.</p>

Next, reinforce literary analysis skills. Students learn how Franklin used *aphorisms*, which are short sayings with a message. These sayings paint a picture of his attitudes. Ask students to record details about Franklin’s attitudes on a graphic organizer.

Then, discuss with students the use of analyzing cause and effect as a reading strategy. Ask them to pause and reflect as they read to consider the questions *Why did this happen?* and *What occurred as a result?*

Finally, review each vocabulary word. The Unit Resources book provides leveled vocabulary warm-ups and a vocabulary builder worksheet for additional practice.

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**Before You Read Online**

Before reading the selections online, students watch the Get Connected video, and then type their response to a writing prompt. Students make connections to the Essential Question and complete activities for Literary Analysis and the Reading Strategy. Vocabulary Central includes flash cards, music, games, and worksheets. The Background videos introduce selections.

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**While You Read**

Students are now ready to read the selections. The Student Edition provides reading support in the margins. Students are encouraged to think critically about and analyze the text. Vocabulary definitions and reading checks improve comprehension. The Teacher’s Edition targets when to interject instruction to reinforce reading strategies and literary skills.

After reading the last selection, students answer Critical Reading questions. The questions require students to interpret, analyze, and speculate about what they read.

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**While You Read Online**

While You Read online begins with leveled warm-ups. The online selection provides reading support similar to that found in the Student Edition as well as interactive tools such as highlighters and notes. Teachers can also assign the adapted text version for reading online. Students answer the Critical Reading questions and type their responses into text boxes.

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**After You Read**

The After You Read activities have students apply the literary skills and reading strategies by answering a series of questions. The Integrated Language Skills include vocabulary, writing, and grammar lessons. The Teacher’s Edition provides a list of teaching resources and suggestions for extending lessons.

The Assessment Resources box provides a list of leveled assessments to check the understanding of skills and concepts.

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**After You Read Online**

The After You Read online activities contain the same skill practice that appears in the textbook. Students type responses online as they practice the Integrated Language and grammar skills.

The writing activity includes a link to where students can write their essay online.

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**Review**

This guide discussed the Author in Depth feature in Prentice Hall Literature for the American Experience and British Tradition. Students examine the literary works of a featured author and compare selections. The Teacher's Edition provides a wealth of teaching resources for planning and instruction.

Selections include before, during, and after reading activities to help students think critically as they read and practice literary skills. PH Lit Online provides lesson content in an interactive format.