**Researcher**

* Your job is to dig up some background information on any relevant topic related to your book. This might include
  + The geography, weather, culture, or history of the book’s setting
  + Pertinent information about the author and other related works
  + Information about the time period portrayed in the book
  + Information on any topics or events represented in the book
  + Information on any topics or events that may have influenced the author
  + Pictures, objects, or materials that illustrate elements of the book
  + The history and derivation of words or names used in the book
  + Information about any character that is based on a historical person

This is *not* a formal research report. The idea is to find some information or material that helps your group understand the book better. Investigate something that really interests you – something that struck you as puzzling or curious while you were reading.

**Ways of gathering information:**

1. The introduction, preface, or “about the author” section of the book
2. Library books and magazines
3. On-line computer search or encyclopedia
4. Interviews with people who know the topic
5. Other novels, nonfiction, or textbooks you’ve read

Requirements:

1. 1 written page explanation of the research you found
2. 5 Slide Powerpoint presenting your research