Questions that your paper should answer…

* This pointed arrow beside of a question means that your paper should answer that question. It is not optional.
* What are the dates of birth and death of the author(if no longer alive)?
* Where was the author born? Where did he live (or currently reside)/
* What is the author’s race? Gender?

What information can you provide about the author’s family? Number of siblings?

What type of education did the author have? Where did he/she receive his/her education?

What was the author’s primary occupation?

What were the author’s hobbies?

What was the author’s financial status?

At what age, did the author begin writing?

* What did the author write? Books, poems, short stories?
* What was the author’s motivation for writing? Money, entertainment, pleasure…etc

Did the author use friends, family, personal events as a source of inspiration for writing?

* How could you best describe the author’s style of writing?
* About what topic(s) did the author usually write?
* Who was the author’s audience? Self, friends/family, public audience