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**Nathaniel Hawthorne Biographical Presentations**

You’re now the teachers! Your job is to synthesize the information you read on the NV GALE database. To get to this information, login to the computer and do the following:

* NV Splash Page
* Click on LMC resources
* Then, under the LMC Databases heading, click on Biography in Context
  + If you’re asked for a password, click on the little house icon to retrieve this.
* Type in the search box: Nathaniel Hawthorne
* You will see a little blurb of information next to Hawthorne’s photo. Click on **View More** and begin your research!

**Presentation Topics**

**Group One:** Early Life and Education; Years as a Recluse

**Group Two:** Writing the Short Stories; Out in the World

**Group Three:** Writing the Novels; Years Abroad

**Group Four:** Last Years;Hawthorne’s Literary Background

**Group Five:** Power of Darkness; Allegorical Structures and Themes

**Task**

Find your assigned subcategories of information. If you want to print ONLY those sections of text, that’s fine. *Please do NOT print the entire 6 pages.*

* *Carefully* read the information in your subcategories, determine the most important 5 or 6 pieces of information that you think the class must know about Hawthorne.
* Once you’ve determined these 5-6 points, write them in your notes—they must be in your own words, in the order you plan to present them.
* Include in your notes any other information that you may use to help clarify information or answer any audience questions.

You will present this information to the class on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in short, 3-minute presentations. Hawthorne was a complex man and author—make sure you’re reading carefully and choosing the best information to present to your peers*.*

*Each group is responsible for presenting accurate and succinct information.* We will be taking notes on these presentations and these notes will serve as our understanding of the author as we begin to read *The Scarlet Letter.*