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**American Author Inquiry Assignment**

**(15 points)**

*Directions: this assignment is designed to get you familiar with the research process by locating key data. It is also designed to familiarize yourself with your American Author that you have initial interest in. Although you may be working in a group of 3, each member must turn this in.*

1. What is the name of the author you are looking up today?

Kurt Vonnegut

1. List at least 4 important things people should know about this author:

* Elected Fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, 1973
* Purple Heart recipient, 1945
* “Slaughterhouse-Five" changed the way the world saw Kurt Vonnegut. Before the book was released he was a popular writer with a devoted young following, but he was largely dismissed by critics.
* Author

1. Login into EBSCO and select the “student databases” link (see directions on back page). Next, click on the box to select all sub-databases. Now search for your topic. How many **search results** does the topic yield? (at the top) \_\_\_\_\_\_232 results\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Now, open one of the search results that has a “html full text” or a pdf of the source and answer the following questions:

1. What is the title of this source?

There Must Be More to Love Than Death: A Conversation With Kurt Vonnegut.

1. What year was this source published (if provided)?

Nation, 8/2/1980

1. Is an author/contributor listed for the source? If so, what is their name(s)?

Musil, Robert K.

**How to access library database articles:**

* Go to <https://catalog.washoecountylibrary.us/MyAccount/SelfReg> to set up a free account with the Washoe County Public Library
* Next, go to [Library Databases](https://www.washoecountylibrary.us/resources/databases.php) to search under “Biography Reference Center”
* your author you are researching
* Enter Gale or EBSCO and type in your person in the search bar and see what articles appear