**TASK: READ THE ARTICLE ABOUT DONNA TARTT. USE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND CHOOSE THE RIGHT STATEMENT.**   
  
Donna Tartt is an**American** writer, the author of the novels The Secret History, The Little Friend, and The Goldfinch. Tartt won the WH Smith Literary Award for **The Little Friend** in 2003 and the Pulitzer Prize for fiction for **The Goldfinch** in 2014. She was included in the list of the "100 Most Influential People" compiled by Time magazine in 2014.   
  
Tartt was born in **Greenwood**, Mississippi, in the Mississippi Delta, and raised in the nearby town of Grenada.  
  
She enrolled in the University of Mississippi in **1981**, and her writing caught the attention of Willie Morris when she was a freshman. Following a recommendation from Morris, Barry Hannah, then an Ole Miss writer in residence, admitted the eighteen-year-old Tartt into his graduate course on the short story. «She was deeply literary,» said Hannah. «Just a rare genius, really. A literary star.».  
  
Following the suggestion of Morris and others, she transferred to Bennington College in 1982, where she was friends with fellow students Bret Easton Ellis, Jill Eisenstadt, and Jonathan Lethem. At Bennington she studied **classics** with Claude Fredericks. She dated Ellis for a while after they shared their works in progress, The Secret History and Less Than Zero, respectively.   
  
In 2002, Tartt was reportedly working on a retelling of the myth of **Daedalus and Icarus**  for the Canongate Myth Series, a series of novellas in which ancient myths are reimagined and rewritten by contemporary authors. In 2006, Tartt's short story **"The Ambush"** was included in the Best American Short Stories 2006.  
  
Tartt is a convert to **catholicism** and contributed an essay, "The spirit and writing in a secular world", to the 2000 book The Novel, Spirituality and Modern Culture.