

## Web Researcher<sup>(tech)</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Reading Assignment: page \_\_\_\_\_ to page \_\_\_\_\_

### Assignment:

Your assignment concerns the book, author, and/or content, where you create a summary book study or author study concerning the material you read, and construct a question you would like answered by the author (or another expert). If you decide to do a book study, then you would be looking at reviews or resource relations to the book or its contents, search for the book title and then review your results. If you have decided to do an author study you will be looking for information about the author: who he/she is, what else has he/she written; when did they start writing; what else are they working on now; where are they from; when were they born, etc... biographical data. One way to start getting information on the book or author would be to go to Amazon.com and search for the book. There you will find the start of some reviews, and a link to the author's name. If you click on the name link it should also produce a list of other books by that author currently for sale from Amazon. Don't think that one site is all you will need to visit. Find out if the author has a site. Look for a publisher site that may give you insight and information about the book or author. Find your sites and information, then copy and paste relevant portions into a word processor (don't forget to get the reference and URL), then combine your findings into a new summary. Post or share your summary book or author study with your group. Now with your group develop a question that you would like to ask the author of the book about the material. If your author or topic (expert) is not available from the list below, use a search engine with ask author and the authors name, or ask expert and the topic name as the keyword search terms. Many times authors are available to ask questions through e-mail. Consider asking an author or other expert your question (with teacher permission). When you get an answer be sure to share it with your group and class.

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My Question:

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Topics to be carried over to the next discussion session:

Reading assignment for the next discussion: page \_\_\_\_\_ to page \_\_\_\_\_.

Date for next discussion: \_\_\_\_\_