



Activity Three

Author! Author!

John Steinbeck (1902 – 1968) was one of the best-known and most widely read American writers of the 20th century. He won the Nobel Prize for Literature as well as the Pulitzer Prize (***The Grapes of Wrath***). He even had an American postage stamp issued in his honor. Steinbeck had a special knack for writing vividly about the working people of North America – especially those who struggled through the Great Depression of the 1930's.

Research the life of this great writer and write a one-page report highlighting his personal life and accomplishments. You might wish to consider:

- his birthplace, family, early life, close friends
- education and early training
- other interests
- inspirations (especially regarding ***The Red Pony***)
- struggles? critics?
- fame and how it affected him
- later life / death
- his service in World War II
