

Introduction

Congratulations! You have a job at the new bookstore in town. This bookstore has books from all over the world, including America. You will be helping the bookstore's owner sort, organize, and purchase books, and plan events for customers. In the process, you will learn about the American authors who wrote these books and why they are famous. Good luck, and have fun!

New vocabulary word: **Bookworm**

A bookworm is someone who likes to read a lot – the kind of person you are likely to see in the bookstore!

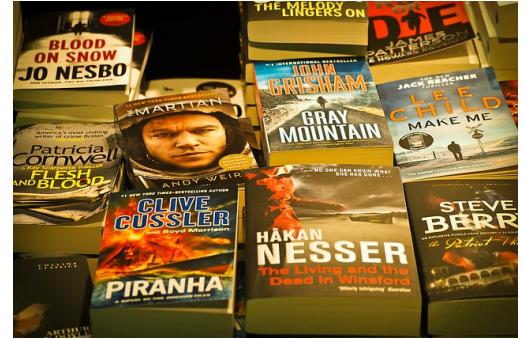
Task 1 : Author discovery

The owner of the bookshop has given you a list of American authors whose books he thinks the bookshop needs. Fill in the chart below with the title of at least one book by each author, the genre of the book, and a picture of the book's cover.

Here are some resources to get you started:

<https://www.goodreads.com/book>

https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/2413.100_Best_American_Authors



Author's Name	The title of a book he or she wrote	Genre of book	Picture of the book's cover
Harper Lee			
Mark Twain			
Ernest Hemingway			
F. Scott Fitzgerald			
Louisa May Alcott			
L. Frank Baum			
Beverly Cleary			
Laura Ingalls Wilder			
Dr. Seuss			
Toni Morrison John Grisham			
Bill Bryson			
Bonus: Can you find another famous American author not on this list?			

Task 2 : Sorting books

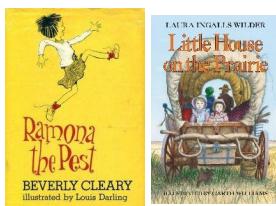
As you can see, it's time for some reorganization at the bookstore. Based on the research you did in task 1, the owner has asked for your **help sorting the books into different categories**. He wants to display similar books together.



Step 1: Using the chart from task 1, organize the books as you would like. Some ideas are:

- A group of authors who write about themes of racial justice
- A group of authors who were born before 1900
- A group of fantasy and science fiction authors
- A group of contemporary authors

Step 2: Create a document with images of the books in each group.



This is an example of ONE group. You must put ALL the books into groups – you may finish with five or six different groups.

Step 3: Write 1-2 sentences for each group, explaining how you chose the books for that group. For example: "I put Beverly Cleary and Laura Ingalls Wilder in the same group because their books have characters who are young girls."

Task 3 : Book signing



Great news! The bookshop is going to host a book signing for a popular American author this year. To spread the word and increase excitement for the event, pick a living author from the list of authors and write a short blurb (four to five sentences) that tells the audience who the author is, what he or she has written, and why their writing is significant.

New vocabulary word: *Blurb*

A blurb is a short summary that advertises something.

Task 4 : book recommendation

It's a busy day at the bookstore. Customers have been coming in all day, looking for books, but many of them don't know what they want. With the information you have learned, **recommend an author** to each customer described below.

1. A child learning to read
2. An eight-year-old who likes stories with characters her own age
3. A middle-aged man who likes legal thrillers
4. A teenager interested in racial justice
5. A computer programmer who wants to travel around the world
6. A mom who loves anything relating to history



Task 5 : Audiobooks

Audiobooks are very popular at the bookstore! You receive several emails from customers who want to know more about the content of one of your new audiobooks.

Listen to the audiobook passage below :

- Listen to [The Wonderful Wizard of Oz](#), by L.Frank Baum (from 0:20 to 5:17)

Respond to their questions in complete sentences.

Customers' questions:

1. Where does the story begin? What does this place look like?
2. Can you describe the characters?
3. What is a cyclone?
4. In what time period do you believe this story occurs?



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