

Who Am I? Literary Scavenger Hunt (Older Group)

Objective

Students follow clue cards hidden around the room to collect facts and then deduce which classic author each clue set describes.

Materials Needed

- Small index cards or pre-printed clue slips (one “clue set” per author)
- Envelopes or numbered pockets to hide clues
- Tape or sticky tack
- “Answer sheet” handout with spaces for author names
- Pens or pencils

Setup (for instructor/leader)

1. **Choose 5–8 authors.** e.g. Emily Dickinson, Langston Hughes, Jules Verne, Leo Tolstoy, Virginia Woolf.
2. **Create clue sets.** For each author, write 3–4 short clues (fact, quote excerpt, birth/death years, famous work).
 - *Example for Jane Austen:*
 1. “I first published my most famous novel at age 35.”
 2. “Pemberley is my hero’s grand estate.”
 3. “I wrote six completed novels.”
3. **Hide the clues.** Number “Author 1” through “Author 8” and tape each envelope in various spots around the room.
4. **Distribute answer sheets.** Each sheet has slots labeled 1–8 for students to write their guesses.

Step-by-Step Instructions

1. **Explain the Hunt (3 min)**
 - “You’ll find eight clue envelopes around our classroom. Inside each are facts about one classic author.”
 - “Collect all clues in order—don’t open Author #3 before you bring back #1!”
2. **Scavenger Hunt (10–15 min)**
 - Students roam, collect envelope #1, read clues quietly, write down who they think it is on slot 1, then retrieve #2, and so on.
 - Encourage teamwork: pairs or small groups can compare notes.
3. **Reveal & Discuss (10 min)**
 - Go through each set: read the clues aloud, then ask, “Which author did you guess?”
 - Briefly share one more fun fact or show a portrait.

"Who Am I?" Clue Sets Below. (Copy each set onto its own envelope (labeled Author 1, Author 2, ... Author 8). Hide them around the room. Students gather the clues in numeric order and write down which author they think each set describes.)

Author 1

1. I wrote a story about a brave girl named Natasha and a soldier named Pierre.
 2. My epics include *War and Peace* and *Anna Karenina*.
 3. I was a Russian nobleman who lived from 1828 to 1910.
 4. My last name starts with "Tol."
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Author 2

1. I pioneered stream-of-consciousness narration in novels like *Mrs Dalloway*.
 2. My works explore inner lives, time, and memory.
 3. I was part of London's Bloomsbury Group in the early 20th century.
 4. My first name is Virginia.
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Author 3

1. We were three sisters who wrote under one pen name.
 2. Our best-known novels include *Jane Eyre*, *Wuthering Heights*, and *Agnes Grey*.
 3. We lived in Yorkshire and published in the mid-1800s.
 4. Our shared last name begins with "Br."
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Author 4

1. I was a Greek philosopher who taught at the Academy in Athens.
 2. My teacher was Socrates, and my student was Aristotle.
 3. I wrote *The Republic*.
 4. My name begins with "Plat."
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Author 5

1. I'm famous for witty sayings like "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."
 2. My plays include *The Importance of Being Earnest*.
 3. I was an Irish playwright and novelist in the late 19th century.
 4. My last name rhymes with "wild."
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Author 6

1. I wrote tragedies, comedies, and histories performed at the Globe Theatre.
 2. My famous characters include Hamlet, Macbeth, and Romeo and Juliet.
 3. I lived in Stratford-upon-Avon and died in 1616.
 4. My last name has eight letters and ends in "peare."
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Author 7

1. I created the world of Narnia and its lion Aslan.
 2. Four siblings—Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy—first enter Narnia through a wardrobe.
 3. I was a fellow at Oxford University.
 4. My initials are C.S. ____.
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Author 8

1. I wrote *The Stranger* and *The Plague*, exploring absurdity and choice.
2. I was French-Algerian and won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1957.
3. My first name is Albert.
4. My last name starts with “Cam.”

Answer Key

Card #	Author
1	Leo Tolstoy
2	Virginia Woolf
3	The Brontë Sisters
4	Plato

5 Oscar Wilde

6 William
Shakespeare

7 C.S. Lewis

8 Albert Camus