

Use the following information to answer the next three questions.

## *Writing a Biographical Report*

Dale's English teacher asks the students to write a report about a famous writer or artist. Dale wants to write about Lafcadio Hearn, a writer who popularized Japanese culture in the West with his retellings of Japanese folktales in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

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**1. What is the *best* way for Dale to get started?**

- A make a list of famous writers he admires
- B find a map of Japan at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century
- C read as much as he can about Japan
- D make a list of facts he wants to include in his report

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**2. Which of these sources will be *most* helpful to Dale?**

- A a book of Japanese folktales
- B an essay about Hearn's importance
- C an article about Japan
- D a story written by Hearn

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**3. Which of these websites will be *most* helpful to Dale?**

- A [www.folktales.org](http://www.folktales.org): a website that features folktales from all over the world
- B [www.popularwriters.com](http://www.popularwriters.com): a website about today's most popular writers
- C [www.discoverjapan.com](http://www.discoverjapan.com): a website about the cultural evolution of Japan
- D [www.traveljapan.com](http://www.traveljapan.com): a website promoting trips to famous Japanese landmarks

Use this outline that Dale made to answer the next two questions.

**I. Introduction**

**II. Early Life**

- A. Born on June 27, 1850
- B. Born in Greece, raised in Ireland
- C. Raised by an aunt. Never saw his parents after age 6.
- D. Lost vision in his left eye as a child

**III. Life in America**

- A. Settled in Cincinnati; poor and homeless
- B. Became known as a great news reporter
- C. Scandal
- D. Moved to New Orleans
- E. Poor and homeless again.
- F. Worked for the newspaper and trouble

**IV. Life in Japan**

- A. Moved to Japan
- B. Again, without a job.
- C. Worked as a teacher
- D. Got married
- E. Wrote family tales and other folk stories
- F. Books became very popular
- G. Helped the West become familiar with Japan

**Conclusion**

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**4. This outline will *best* help Dale —**

- A** remember the sources he used.
- B** organize his ideas for the report.
- C** keep track of Hearn's most important books.
- D** remember every detail he wants to include in his report.