

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 19th 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 19th 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: a website that features folktales from all over the world
- B www.popularwriters.com: a website about today's most popular writers
- C www.discoverjapan.com: a website about the cultural evolution of Japan
- D 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.