O. Henry Biography Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade 8 Period\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Video : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pYXP875sg0g>

<http://www.biography.com/people/william-sydney-porter-9542046>

<http://www.online-literature.com/o_henry/>

* O. Henry’s birth name was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He was born in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, North Carolina.
* Because his mother died, Will’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ became very important in his life.
* Will Porter’s favorite book as a child and young man was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Will Porter moved to Texas to live on a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and to be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He later moved to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Texas and became a popular member of society.
* What are three different professions Will took on as a young adult?
* Will married \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ even though her parents were not happy with his reputation for drinking and ladies. She died from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after having two children.
* Will Porter took over a local paper called *The Iconoclast* and changed the name to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It featured local stories with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It only stayed in publication for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* He lost his job at the bank in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and was charged with embezzling money. It is thought he may have used this money to finance his paper.
* When he was re-arrested for re-trial, Will Porter fled. He left behind his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and went to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Will Porter returned to the United States in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because of his wife’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Will Porter was sentenced to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years in an Ohio Penitentiary.
* He produced more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ short stories during his time in prison.
* What are two different theories as to how Will Porter settled on O. Henry as his new name?
* From 1903-1906 he wrote stories for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and earned $100 a week for his work. He produced a story every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during this time.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was a collection of short stories that captured “the spirit of lost dreams.” This book included “The Gift of the Magi.”
* Readers loved his plots, romanticized every day characters, and novel situations along with his patented \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ending.
* His short story \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was turned into a play. O. Henry received \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as payment.
* What type of writing can earn an O. Henry award?
* William Sydney Porter aka O. Henry died on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the age of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ due to a disease linked to severe alcoholism called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and he was penniless.