

1. Ernest Hemingway

On July 2, 1961, Ernest Hemingway took his favourite hunting gun into his study and ended his life. This was a dramatic ending to a life full of action and adventure. Read on to find out more about the man, his books, his loves and his adventures.

Level

Upper Intermediate and above

How to use the lesson

1. Tell the class you are going to give them each part of a story about the life of writer Ernest Hemingway, but that the story is in three parts. Each student in the class will have one third of the story to read. It may help if you can dig up a picture of the writer for those students not familiar with him.
2. Divide the class into groups of three and give each group a copy of Worksheet A cut into three parts, A, B and C.
3. Tell the students they have four minutes to read their part of the story, after which time they are going to answer some questions about it.
4. After four minutes, give each group one copy of Worksheet B. Tell them they have to work together to answer the questions.
5. Check answers in open class.

Answers

1. five (he was the first son in a family of six)
2. At his father's cabin in northern Michigan
3. He drove an ambulance for the American Red Cross
4. Agnes von Kurowsky
5. *A Farewell To Arms*
6. Paris
7. Gertrude Stein, Ezra Pound and F. Scott Fitzgerald
8. Four. *The Sun Also Rises*; *A Farewell To Arms*; *For Whom The Bell Tolls*; *The Old Man and the Sea*
9. 28 (or 29)
10. Four
11. Three
12. The Spanish Civil War
13. Cuba
14. The Nobel Prize (1954)
15. He shot himself

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

Here are a handful of sites that contain everything you could wish to know about Ernest Hemingway.

<http://www.lostgeneration.com/>

welcome to the Hemingway Resource Center

<http://www.ehfop.org/life/>

lots of stuff here including pictures of his wives

<http://www.npg.si.edu/exh/hemingway/>

a complete account of Hemingway's life