

Silver River Shadow

School Visits



Each session will, by its nature, be unique. One of the intentions of the series is to spark an interest in different research methodologies: the joy of research is the opening up of unexpected 'rabbit holes', and each class will undoubtedly create their own series of rabbit holes for us to explore.

All sessions start with a brief introduction to the 'life of an author', focussing on how research is an integral part of the writing process. All sessions are author-led discussions, encouraging input from students throughout. These are all designed to share and explore knowledge and understanding, 'how we know what we know', and are particularly useful for classes that have children from a range of different backgrounds.

These are all Whole Class Sessions appropriate for Upper KS2 – allow 45mins to 1 hour for all sessions

A Halloween Alternative

- introducing students to the idea of the Native American tradition, the Ghost Supper

Plots and Protests

- how the balance between government and Ojibway was unfair from the outset, and how the Ojibway continue to protest, peacefully, against ongoing injustices

Living in Nature

- the ways in which Native Americans traditionally rely on the land, how they honour the natural world around them, and the meanings of different flowers and trees

Mercury Madness

- all the way from the Mad Hatter to the 'Mercury: from barrel to body' chart in the book, exploring the environmental impact of the Wabigoon River mercury poisoning

Creative Writing

I am happy to run creative writing sessions with whole classes. Again, 45mins to 1 hour. These can have different focuses, and are appropriate for upper or lower KS2 students:

- characterisation, with the assistance of Charles Dickens
- creating suspense
- acrostic or 'shape' poems

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Prices:

- individual sessions, £150
- 3 sessions across the school day, £400
- 30 minute author 'meet and greet' and book signing, included with any booking
+ appropriate contribution to travel costs

All sessions include 2 copies of 'Silver River Shadow'. These can either be donated to the school library, or used as a prize in a follow-up writing piece to be assigned and judged by the author.

Please contact hello@jane-thomas.co.uk for availability and booking.