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## Author Research Graphic Organizer

Name of your author: JK Rowling

### INTRODUCTION:

**Lead:** The easiest thing to write about is things that have happened in your life. Just ask JK Rowling.

**Thesis:** JK Rowling's personal life helped her write *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*.

**Preview:** She, like the characters in the story, went to a boarding school. In addition, she bases characters on people she has had experiences with in her own life.

### BODY PARAGRAPH #1

**First** way writing reflects life: Rowling, similar to the characters in her story, went to a boarding school.

#### Details:

- Direct quote from internet: "Rowling spent 14 years in a boarding school when she was young" ("JK Rowling's Interview Transcript").
- Direct quote from book: "Dumbledore said it was the best boarding school for wizards, and Harry was lucky to be there" (Rowling 127)
- Rowling went to a boarding school
- Harry also went to a boarding school in the book
- Rowling knew about food, sleep, and how students acted at a boarding school.
- Allowed author to provide more detailed parts in Harry Potter stories.

### BODY PARAGRAPH #2

**Second** way writing reflects life: The inspiration for Professor Snape came from

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teachers Rowling had in the past.

Details:

- DQ from internet: "Rowling has admitted to modeling the character Severus Snape after Mrs. Morgan, as well as a few other teachers who used fear as a source of power" ( "JK Rowling's Interview Transcript").
- DQ from book ""Or he might have been sacked!" said Ron enthusiastically. "I mean, everyone hates him " (Rowling 37).
- Mrs. Morgan was mean, just like Snape
- Rowling remembered how she felt in class and used that to provide more detail when Harry, Ron, and Hermoine talked about Snape.
- Mrs. Morgan was memorable for Rowling, and she made Snape memorable to the characters in the book.

#### CONCLUSION PARAGRAPH:

Restated Thesis: When an author uses their own life in their writing, it really makes reading the story real. JK Rowling did that.

Memorable Ending: When you sit down to read a good book or write an awesome story, it's hard to not put your own life into the story you read or write. Life can influence so many things, reading and writing is just one of them.

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