

Research Scavenger Hunt: *The Call of the Wild*

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In order to understand the deeper meaning of this work, it is necessary to explore some of the philosophical ideals that inspired the [Naturalist movement](#) in literature. For this group project, you will need to:

- Conduct research using Questia on-line library (1 class period, and continuing at home on internet if need be).
- Keep a record of your sources, as your group must submit a bibliography.
- Present your findings orally to the class with a visual aid.
- This visual aid will be a poster or transparency (for the overhead projector). Information may be in any form you like: flow chart, mind map, etc.

Your work will be given a group grade, so encourage members to do their fair share of the work.

A. Jack London:

- What interesting facts can you discover about him?
- What was he interested in doing as a writer?
- How did his life affect his work?
- What can you discover about *Call of the Wild*?

B. Darwinism:

- What are the basic premises of Darwin's theory concerning evolution of the species?
- What is social Darwinism (biological determinism)?
- What are some of the problems inherent in applying this scientific theory to society and mankind?

C. Naturalism:

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- How does it differ from Naturalism?