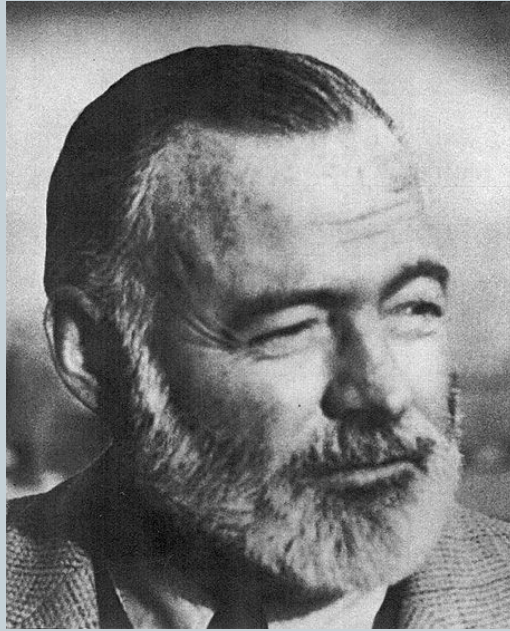


# A Biography of Ernest Hemingway



# Who Is Ernest Hemingway?



- Born into a strict, Protestant family
- Famous and well accomplished author (49 short stories and over 10 novels)
- Nobel Peace Prize winner
- Avid hunter and fisher
- Considered a hero of WWI
- Committed suicide in Idaho (1961)
- Used the experiences of his life to create literary masterpieces during the Modernism Era





# Hemingway's Personal Life



- Born Ernest Miller Hemingway on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1899
- Grew up in Oak Park, Illinois – upper middle class
- Father was a doctor and mother was a singer
- He had four sisters and one brother
- The community had a large Protestant population
- Hemingway about his community: “Wide lawns and narrow minds.” (The Hemingway Resource Center)
- Enjoyed hunting and fishing (inspiration for many stories/novels) with his father when his mother wasn't introducing him to music and literature

# Hemingway's Personal Life (cont.)



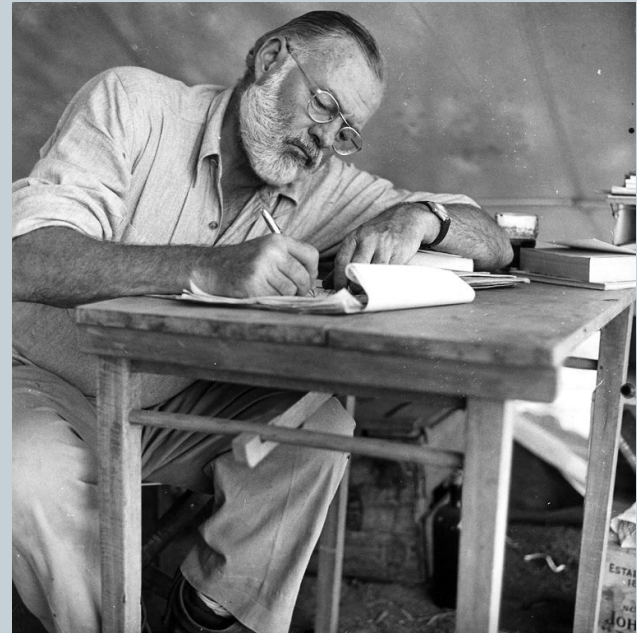
- Rumored that his mother often dressed him in female clothes
- Worked as a reporter for the Kansas City Star (1917)
- WWI Ambulance Driver (1918)
- Celebrated as a war hero upon his return home
- Reporter for Toronto Star (1920)
- Married Hadley Richardson and moved to Paris, France (1921)
- Father committed suicide in 1929, Ernest does the same in 1961 (Idaho)



# Hemingway's Professional Life



- Wrote forty-nine short stories and published six best-selling novels:
- *The Sun Also Rises*
- *A Farewell To Arms*
- *For Whom The Bell Tolls*
- *The Old Man and The Sea*
- *To Have and Have Not*
- *A Moveable Feast*



# Hemingway's Professional Life (cont.)



- Popular characters in his works: soldiers, hunters, bullfighters, and primitive people.
- Themes of his work: Courageous and honest people losing hope in a modern, hectic society
- Possibly reflects his own outlook concerning his place in the world
- His writing is very dry and descriptive with little plot – draws heavily from past experience
- His alcoholism and depression contributed to his eventual suicide
- He shot himself in Ketchum, Idaho (1961)

