

To Boldly Write

An interactive online activity to encourage writing and research on Gene Roddenberry, creator and producer of Star Trek.

Grade 5th grader and above

Suggested Web Sites

- http://www.startrek.com/database_article/roddenberry
- <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0734472/>
- <http://grahamscrackers.com/2011/10/26/writing-lessons-from-gene-roddenberry/>
- <http://www.roddenberry.com/corporate-gene-biography>
- <http://www.milkandcookiesblog.com/2012/07/homeschooling-with-star-trek.html>
- <http://www.techrepublic.com/blog/geekend/star-trek-inspires-tech-careers-and-hope-for-humanity/9013>

Write on a separate piece of paper the answers to the questions using the above web pages.

1. When was Gene Roddenberry born?
2. What year did he die and where is he buried?
3. What did he study before going into the army?
4. Write briefly about his experiences in WWII.
5. What type of magazines did he write for while in the army?
6. What was the name of the song lyrics Gene Roddenberry wrote?
7. While Gene was flying he saw his first television. He saw the future of TV and saw that there would be a need for a new kind of writers to write TV shows. Because TV was so new, there was not a need yet for writers like Gene Roddenberry. So he joined the police force while keeping his eye on his goal of writing for TV. Write about a time when you have seen something that you wanted to do, but you could not do it yet, so you had to wait till the time was right.
8. What police show did Gene write?
9. What year did Gene Roddenberry's Star Trek debut?
10. Who financed the first Episode?
11. Who were the main characters in the original Star Trek?
12. How many Star Trek TV shows are there?
13. How many movies are there?
14. If you have watched any of the shows, what is your favorite Star Trek TV series? Who are some of the characters for that series and which one is your favorite?
15. What is your favorite Star Trek Movie? What was the plot?
16. What are some of our modern day technologies that were inspired by Star Trek?
17. If you were to write your own Star Trek TV series, what would your plot and story be?