

## BUILDING BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

Conduct an Internet scavenger hunt to learn about the author:

Conduct internet research on Charles Dickens, the author of *Great Expectations*. Within your group, work on your own. A prize will be given to the individual who finds all of the answers first. Use the TEXT feature in Adobe Reader to record your answers.

# Little Dickens Scavenger Hunt

1. When and where was Dickens born?
2. Identify three places Dickens lived as a boy.
3. What happened to his father when Charles was young?
4. Identify one or two writers who influenced Dickens while he was growing up.
5. What job did Dickens have in 1827?
6. What occupation did Dickens have at age 20?
7. Who ruled England during most of Dickens's life? How old was Dickens when she became queen?
8. What was Dickens's first book?
9. In what form was his first book published?
10. What was Dickens's adult home called?
11. What was the name of the woman whom Dickens was close to when he was age 18–20?
12. What is the name of the actress with whom Dickens was deeply involved? What happened to their romance?

13. What important personal event happened before Dickens began writing *Great Expectations* in 1960?
14. Where did Dickens work when he was 12? Why?
15. Identify five social problems that concerned Dickens during his lifetime.
16. In what magazine was *Great Expectations* first published?
17. How many chapters were published at a time?
18. How many copies were sold in magazine form?
19. Which president of the United States did Dickens meet?
20. Which Dickens novel has sold the most copies?
21. Identify the titles of all of Dickens's books.