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Saki: “The Writer and His Experiences”

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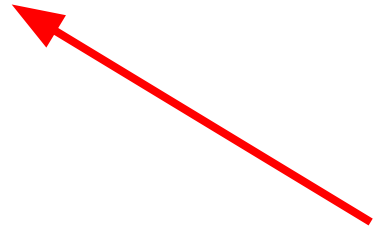
Lesson: Introducing the author and making predictions
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Objective/Learning Target:
**Students will interpret and make inferences based on
biographical information shared about the author**



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Bellringer:

**List 3 things that you or other people think
are scary:**

- 1.**
- 2.**
- 3.**

About the author: Read the “The Writer and His Experiences”

The Writer and His Experiences

Saki
(1870–1916)

There is such a thing as writing oneself out.



Though he was sickly, Saki had “an adventurer’s soul.”

British writer **Hector Hugh Munro**—better known as **Saki**—was born in the Asian country of Burma, now called Myanmar.

A small and sickly child, he was sent back to England, along with his brother and sister, to live with his aunts. His aunts were very strict, rarely opened the windows, and seldom let the children go outside.

Later, Saki turned his aunts into characters and used other childhood experiences in his stories. Though Saki did not have many friends his own age, he had a great love of animals. He even kept a tiger cub as a pet and often featured animals in his writing.

Despite his poor health and lonely childhood, he developed what one biographer has called “an adventurer’s soul.”

When Saki turned twenty-three, he still had not chosen a career. His father got him a job with the Burma police force, which he hated because of the heat and the dirt. Illness again forced him back to England, where he began a career as a journalist.

When World War I began in 1914, Saki joined the British army. He was killed during a battle in France.

Saki is famous for his eerie stories which rely on humorous language, odd twists, and strange characters. Many of these elements are present in “The Interlopers.”

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- Read more of Saki’s work.
- Listen to a reading of “Interlopers.”

Respond to this [flipgrid video question](#).

