

Thurber Family

The Personal Narrative
Assignment 8

- *poem.* Memorize section 4 of John Keats' sonnet, "The Grasshopper and the Cricket."
- *reading.* Complete Lesson 8 in your study guide and the corresponding reading of **James Thurber's *My Life and Hard Times***. If you cannot get the book from a library or do not want to purchase it (click on title hyperlink), you can access the **Thurber reading material** under "Materials Needed" on the online assignment page.
- *writing.* You will be writing another narrative, the directions of which may be found at the end of Lesson 8. The assignment will be due the second week of November (in two weeks).
- *picture*. The picture in the background of this assignment is of James Thurber.

Long-Term Assignment

- *writing.* Write an essay of about 500 words that relates an event that, like Thurber's chaotic night, resulted from a misunderstanding, or a humorous event that happened inside the family circle. Be sure to use detail, description and dialog to keep the essay lively. Try to use one or more of the kinds of humor talked about in "Literary Terms" of Lesson 8.