

#### Activity 4: Hans Christian Andersen

Discuss that when a person is speaking to an audience or group, the way she speaks may be different from the way she speaks if she is having a discussion or conversation with a friend. Ask your child how she may speak differently when speaking formally. Some ideas you should discuss are being prepared and practicing before a formal talk, using more advanced vocabulary, speaking in complete sentences, standing up when you speak, etc. Ask your child to describe situations where talking informally would be more appropriate than talking formally and how the two are different.

Explain that the author of *The Snow Queen* is Hans Christian Andersen, and he lived in Denmark in the 1800s. Have your child locate Denmark on her map of Europe and cut out and paste the story name onto the box provided.

Read the short biography of Hans Christian Andersen at the following link to your child.

<b>Hans Christian Andersen</b>
<a href="http://www.movingbeyondthepage.com/link/7808/">www.movingbeyondthepage.com/link/7808/</a>

After reading, discuss some of the following aspects of his life with your child. She can refer to the text while discussing it with you. Ask your child if she is using formal or informal English for the discussion. Explain that this is an informal talk and that for the conversation she doesn't have to be worried about speaking in complete sentences, using advanced vocabulary, etc.

- Do you think you would have wanted to be friends with Andersen when he was a child? Why or why not?
- Why do you think it took Andersen so long to figure out what he was best at doing? What are some things you feel like you might be good at doing in the future?
- How did Andersen use his own life experiences in his writing?