

Name _____

Date _____

Autobiography

Directions

- * You will write a 5 paragraph essay about your life.
- * Each paragraph must have **at least** 5 sentences.
- * You will write the essay in rough draft form on the back of this paper and then type it.
- * You will save it on your space in the computer and print it to put in your portfolio.
- * This is your first portfolio assignment.
- * You should include a photo of yourself on your final copy. (mount on white paper, make separate page, update each year)

Paragraph #1 – Introduce and describe yourself. Name, grade, age, birthdate (year), height, hair color, personality, where were you born, where do you live, etc. (update each year)

Paragraph #2 - Write about your hobbies, interests, likes, dislikes.

Paragraph #3 – Write about your school history and work history. What schools you have attended and when, current school info, etc. (likes & dislikes). What service learning or work experience do you have, when, describe the activities, etc. (update each year)

Paragraph #4 – Write about interesting or important events in your life. (update each year)

Paragraph #5 – Write about your future plans. (update yearly)

Format

- *1” margins
- *Size 12 font
- *Times New Roman
or Arial
- *Double space- body
of paper
- *No contractions
or abbreviations
- *Write out numbers

Your full name
Date

My Autobiography
(update as necessary)

WHITE PAPER

HOW TO WRITE AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

When writing an autobiography, you focus on three major things: who you are in life, what life means to you and what your outlook on the future is.

The first thing you do when writing an autobiography is start off with a lot of facts about your life; for example, when and where you were born, where you live (city and state), where you go to school and who you live with. You have to give a lot of information so your reader can clearly understand what is going on. Once you have written this introduction, you are ready to start your first paragraph of the autobiography.

Who you are in life?

The best way to start an autobiography is to state your name. When you are writing this paragraph, you usually explain the type of person you are; use facts about yourself such as: have you won any awards? What types of awards have you won? Did you finish school? Do you plan on going to college?

What life means to you?

This is now your second paragraph. In this paragraph you should state how you see life - what does life mean to you. Are you happy or sad? Do you have a lot of friends or just a few? How do you make your school days go by? Do you have a boyfriend/girlfriend? What are your favorite places to go on dates? How long have you been dating? If you are involved in a relationship, do you think it will last forever?

What is your outlook on the future?

In this paragraph you should explain what you think the future will be like. Pick a year and explain how it will be but explain it through your eyes. Where will you be? How will you be living? Will you be married? Will there be any kids? Who will you be married to? What is he/she like? How long will you have been together?

Conclusion

The conclusion is the last paragraph of your autobiography and an important one, too. In the conclusion you usually try to re-word the introduction and add some type of closure to bring the whole autobiography together.