Biographies

Noticings

• Tells about a person’s life.
• The book is not about the author.
• Includes facts about a person.
• Could have a timeline of their life.
• Tells why the person is important.
• Tells what the world learned from this person’s life.
• Might include real photographs.
What we learn from biographies:

- Birthdate
- Birthplace
- Childhood Events
- Education
- Influences
  - Family
  - Milestones
- Accomplishments
- Date of death
- Cause of death
- Impact
Name: ______________________________

Directions: Look at your stack of books. Find one biography and one fiction story.

The biography

I know this is a biography because:

The fiction story

I know this is a fiction story because:
Directions: Look at your stack of books. Find one biography and one other form of informational text.

The biography

I know this is a biography because:

A book that is not a biography

I know it is not a biography because:
Biographies
Text Features

- table of contents
- headings
- bold words
- photographs
- map
- diagram
- time line
- labels
- captions
- interesting facts
- glossary
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Name: ______________________________
Focus on: Author’s Purpose

This book is about:

Why did the author write about this person?

Name: ______________________________

The text I read is:

This book is about:

Why did the author write about this person?

Name: ______________________________

The text I read is:

This book is about:

Why did the author write about this person?
Who is the biography about?

Why is this person important?
Name: ___________________________

Biography Search

Directions: Search the basket of books to find a biography to fit each category.

An Athlete
An example is...

The author is:

A Child Who Made a Difference
An example is...

The author is:

A Historical Figure
An example is...

The author is:

An Inventor
An example is...

The author is:

An Actor or Actress
An example is...

The author is:

A Singer or Band
An example is...

The author is:
Name: ______________________________

Text: ___________________________________________

**Building Background Knowledge**

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<th>I am reading about this person:</th>
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<td>This is what I already know about this person:</td>
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<td>I talked with (circle one) my class a friend my teacher someone else</td>
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<th>This is what I already know about this person:</th>
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| This is what I wonder about this person: |   |
Biographies

When will I take notes?

• When I learn an important fact about the person.
• When the person I am reading about does something important.
• When I am thinking: “I WONDER...?”
• When I find new vocabulary words.
• When I make a new picture in my mind that helps me understand what I am reading.
• When I feel something about what I am reading.
# Life Outline

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**I CAN** read biographies!

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<th>Three important facts I learned about this person are:</th>
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<th>A character trait to describe this person is (explain your answer):</th>
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Important Events

The biography is about:

Important events in this person’s life were:

1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 

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Name: ___________________________

**Important Accomplishments**

The biography is about:

**Important milestones:**

1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5.
This biography is about:

Event 1:

Event 2:

Event 3:

Event 4:

Event 5:
This biography is about:

This person is famous because:

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This person was born and died:
Name: 

The focus of this biography is:

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I am learning about ______________________

This person is famous because:

Draw a picture to show the person

Birthdate: __________________________

Is this person still alive? yes no

If not, how old were they when they died? _______

Where was this person born? __________________

Share two facts you learned about this person:

1. 

2. 
Name: ___________________________

Reading Biographies

I am learning about ________________________________

This person is famous because:

Draw a picture to show the person

The setting or settings:

Share two important events in this person’s life:

1. 

2.
Name: ______________________________

Text: ___________________________________________

**Lesson Learned**

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<td>A lesson this person learned in life was:</td>
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<td>Tell how this lesson can help you in life:</td>
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As you read, choose an important events in your character's life. Record what happened. Then, record what happened as a result of the event.

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This tells when the person was born.

This tells when the person died.

This tells an important event in the person’s childhood.

This gives a reason why this person is well known.
This tells something important about the person’s family.

This tells about a life changing event.

This tells something about the person’s education.

This tells about an award the person received.
This tells about a way this person was recognized for what he or she did.

This tells how the person made a difference in our world.

This tells about something inspirational this person did.
Influences

The focus of this biography is:

__________________________________

__________________________________ had an impact on this person’s life because

__________________________________

__________________________________.

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Name: ______________________________

**Influences**

The focus of this biography is: _________________

Find two people who influenced this person. Tell the impact the people had on the person.

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Name: ___________________

One thing I learned is...

Name: ___________________

The hardest part of my character’s life was....

Name: ___________________

The best part of my character’s life was...

Name: ___________________

One thing that surprised me was...
All About (topic)

Questions you might still have...

1. __________ 2. __________ 3. __________
Three Important Dates

1. __________
2. __________
3. __________
Questions you might still have...

All About

written by: