

Biography

Just what is a biography?

The story of someone's life?
A tale of accomplishment?
A tale of woe?

Or is it a boring list of facts
that nobody cares about?

**Don't Do
This!!**

A good biography brings the person to life . . .
makes us care about what she or he did
with time and opportunity.

Do This!!!

Don't Be Boring

Boring answers put readers to sleep.
Simple lists of facts are a bit like dry cereal . . .
no milk . . . no fruit . . . no taste!

Step One

Decide whose biography you will write. Learn about the person. You will be spending a good deal of time on this person. Use the site <http://www.abc.net.au/btn/austs.htm>

Step Two

Open a word processor file and type your person's name at the top. Then save the file with the name of your subject, in your personal folder in Year 4 file. You can use Wordart for your heading, use standard text for your name (by *your name*)

Step Three

Use the Biography Questions Sheet.

Use the website and any books to write the answers in the spaces provided. Try to find out interesting things about your subject.

Step Four

Copy a picture of your subject from the Internet (you may need to use <http://www.images.google.com>). Import it into your word document. Format the *picture* (the last option in this menu) using the format menu, goto layout, goto tight.

Step Five

You now need to type in the information from the biography questions. You will not need to type in the questions. Use the answers from your questions to help you write your biography.

Step 6

Spell check and format your writing. Read it over at least 3 times, and then have a friend ready your biography and offer any suggestions for improvement. When you are happy with your biography ask your teacher to read it.

Step Seven

Print it. Your finished.



Biography Questions

1. Where and when was this person born? When did this person die? Are there any interesting stories about this?
2. Describe the person.
3. Give a brief synopsis of this persons life.
4. In what ways was this persons life remarkable?.
5. What is this person most remembered for?
6. What do you think it means to be a hero? Was your person a "hero?" Why? Why not?