

## **Academic Autobiography**

### **Project Outline**

- Write one entry per school grade recounting on important event in your academic life
- All entries must be typed, double-space, 11-12 point font Times New Roman
- Each entry should be labeled by grade level, but must be individually titled
- Your autobiography must have an introduction and conclusion; in your introduction include your full name, your date and place of birth, the names of your parents, siblings, and where you grew up.
- In your conclusion an assertion about how effective your education has been thus far and the two things that have contributed most to your conclusion

### **Narrative Guidelines**

- Remember to address the five Ws in each entry (Who, What, Where, When, Why)
  - o Who – the people involved (in fiction – the characters)
  - o What – the actual events that took place (in fiction - the plot)
  - o Where and When – (in fiction – the setting)
  - o Why – explain why the even took place
  - o Don't forget the "how" – how did the event effect you?
- Each entry must have a beginning, middle, and end – in fiction, think of these as short stories
- Entries must be descriptive and make use of imagery; write to all five senses (hearing, sight, taste, touch, smell)
- Each entry must have a conflict and a resolution. Keep the reader interested.
- Entries must be written in first person point of view; you can use the pronoun "I" but avoid "you"
- Use on of the text structures for each entry

### **Five Examples of Non-fiction Text Structure**

1. Description or List
2. Sequence or Time
3. Compare and Contrast.
4. Cause & Effect
5. Problem & Solution

### **Suggested Titles/Ideas For Each Entry:**

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| - First Day Of School                     | - My Biggest Academic Challenge           |
| - Learning To Read And Write              | - My Favorite Teacher                     |
| - The Playground                          | - Advice to a 7 <sup>th</sup> Grader      |
| - P.E.                                    | - Advice to the New Kid                   |
| - Learning Multiplication                 | - Things I Wish Someone Had Told Me About |
| - The Most Important Thing I Ever Learned | - Sixth Grade                             |
| - Fifteen Minutes Of Fame                 |   |
| - Starting Middle School                  |   |
| - Starting High School                    |   |
| - You Know You're a Freshmen When...      |   |
| - My Biggest Academic Achievement         |   |