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**Biography Writing Project – LA 8**

**Purpose:** to give a true account of a person’s life

**Orientation:** identifies the subject, the important events in the subject’s life, and the reason for the selections.

**Events**: important events are described in a logical order (e.g.: chronological, categories); provides reason for omitting significant parts of the subject’s life (e.g.: only focusing on the childhood or adult years)

**Conclusion:** includes a personal response, evaluative statement, or a comment on the significance of the subject.

**Special Features**: - subjects feeling may be revealed in quotes

* Supplemental texts (e.g.: interviews, awards, newspaper clippings, forward, afterword)
* dialogue

**Rubric for marking**

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| **Ideas**  | * has a clear purposes, makes sense and develops a clear idea
* has a narrow topic and is understandable
* contains accurate information from several sources
* may express and justify a viewpoint
* shows a clear sense of audience
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| **Organization** | * The text follows the form of a biography
* Includes paragraphs that enhance the clarity of the ideas
* Uses an extended range of connecting words to combine ideas, show sequence and describe cause-and-effect relationships
* Uses text features that are clear and relevant
* Features an effective introduction, an engaging opening, and a satisfying ending
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| **Sentence fluency / Word choice and Voice** | * Reads smoothly and demonstrates strategic paragraphing
* Shows a clear sense of audience
* Maintains a consistent tone, point of view, and level of formality appropriate for purpose and audience
* Contains effectively used content words
* Uses a variety of sentence lengths and structures
* Uses appropriate tools to strengthen word choice (i.e.: dictionary, thesaurus)
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| **Conventions** | * Features correct conventions of grammar
* Uses appropriate punctuation and capitalization
* Uses appropriate vocabulary and correct spelling
* Uses a suitable presentation format
* Has secondary sources of information that have been acknowledged
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