

Assignment Title: A Classmate's Biography
Date Assigned: September 14, 2010
First Draft Due: September 17, 2010
Rewrite/Final Draft Due: September 20, 2010

- ✓ Interview your classmate/partner (see questions below). The interview will be conducted outside of class in any way you choose (i.e., on the phone, in study hall, at early dismissal, etc.). (The English classroom will be open after school for your convenience.)
- ✓ Write his or her biography. (Minimum length: six paragraphs - Maximum length: nine paragraphs)
- ✓ The final paper must be double-spaced and either typed or printed neatly.
 - If typed, you must use a 12 pt font and choose from the following: Times New Roman, Arial, or Courier New.
- ✓ You must submit a cover page, including the title of the paper (Mike's Biography, The Life and Times of Mike, etc.).
 - Title page must include (see sample paper for appropriate format):
 - your name;
 - the due date of the paper (September 20, 2010);
 - my name (Mrs. Fontana);
 - the school's name (Kearny Christian Academy); and
 - the name of your class (English 10, English 11, etc.).

Information to include (Use the following headings to separate the timeframes and to make your paper more 'readable'):

Birthday and Family

- When were you born?
- Where were you born?
- What are your parents' names? If you don't live with your parents, please describe your family.
- Do you have any brothers or sisters? If so, what are their names and ages?

Early Childhood (Birth through 3rd Grade)

- Where did you live?
- What schools did you attend?
- Any special or memorable birthday parties?
- Any special family vacations or trips?
- What games / toys did you like to play?

Elementary (3rd - 5th Grade)

- Where did you live?
- What schools did you attend?
- Any special or memorable birthday parties?
- Any special family vacations or trips?
- What games / toys did you like to play?

Middle School (6th - 8th Grade)

- Where did you live?
- What schools did you attend?
- Any special or memorable birthday parties?
- Any special family vacations or trips?
- What sports did you play? If you did not play sports, describe your favorite hobbies or activities outside of school that you enjoyed.

High School (9th Grade to Present)

- Where did/do you live?
- What other schools did you attend? (When did you come to KCA?)
- Any special or memorable moments?
- Any special family vacations or trips?
- What sports did/do you play?
- If you did/do not play sports, describe your favorite hobbies or activities outside of school that you enjoy(ed).
- Why are you at Kearny Christian Academy?

***If the person has lived at the same address, attended the same school or church, or played the same sports throughout his or her entire life, please don't repeat the information in each section of your paper. Simply say something like, "All his life, Mike has lived in the same house in Newark, New Jersey. He has always been a fan of basketball and started playing the game when he was in eighth grade. He has attended Holy Church since he was six years old." (et cetera)**

Dreams and Goals

- What do you want to be "when you grow up"?
- Are you planning to go to college?
- If so, where? If not, what are your plans upon graduation?
- What are you doing TODAY to prepare yourself to achieve your goals?
- Do you work? If so, where? If not, do you volunteer your time or service anywhere?

Spirituality and Church

- What church do you attend?
- Who is your pastor?
- Who is/are your Youth Pastor(s)?
- What are your favorite activities at church or with your Youth Group?

You may include any other information that illustrates "who" your partner is, and allows me to get to know him or her. Please make sure to put the information under the correct heading (as illustrated above). If you have questions about where the extra information goes, please see me before turning in your final paper.

I will use the following grading rubric to determine your grade. You may use the rubric to ensure that all components of the assignment are complete before handing in your paper on Friday. If you have any questions, please see me as soon as possible.

Assignment Components	Points Possible	Points Earned
Paper follows required format (title page, seven required sections, double spaced, typed or written neatly, typing guidelines followed).	20	
Complete sentences expressing complete thoughts and conveying all required information throughout paper.	20	
Correct grammar and punctuation used throughout paper. (Remember – use Spell Check and Grammar Check in Microsoft Word or ask a friend or parent to proofread your paper before submitting.)	20	
Rough draft submitted for review and/or brought to class as directed for peer review.	15	
Final paper submitted on time and without complaint.	15	
Final paper completed on time as required with few mistakes. OR Final paper corrected as required and resubmitted by September 24, 2010, and with no mistakes.	10	
Total Points	100	