

All About My-selfie: 5th Grade Autobiography Project

It's time to write your autobiography! An autobiography is an essay about **YOUR LIFE**, and it is written by **YOU**. You are the expert in your life, because you know more about yourself than anyone else! This project is a treasure you will want to keep for a lifetime, so be careful to do your **very** best work. Remember: You are the author, so enjoy writing **YOUR** autobiography! ☺

This essay must be five paragraphs long, and each paragraph must contain five detailed sentences. Listed below are several paragraph topics. The first topic, "Who Am I?" is **required**, but you may choose your remaining four paragraph topics. You will be using the writing process: prewriting/brainstorming with graphic organizers, rough draft, editing/revising, final draft, and typing. You will also take a "selfie" to include with the essay. When finished, you will present your autobiography to the class.

You will be graded on your paragraph structure, use of complete sentences; use of varied sentences (**hint**: your sentences should **not** all start or sound alike); use of details in your sentences; proper capitalization, punctuation, and grammar; correct spelling (only in final and typed drafts); presentation skills: volume, eye contact, posture (standing up straight/holding paper properly/no fidgeting), expression, speed, and answering questions; and audience member skills: eye contact, posture (sitting up/no fidgeting/body facing the speaker/showing you are listening), and asking questions (**hint**: come up with different kinds of questions, **Don't** ask the same ones over and over).

Topics:

- ✱ **Who Am I?** - **REQUIRED** - Include your name, age, physical description, personality traits, and things you like/dislike about yourself.
- ☆ **My Family** - Name each member of your family and tell something about each of them.
- ☆ **Happy Birthday!** - Give the date and tell about what your birthday means to you. Tell about your favorite birthday so far.
- ☆ **My Favorite Things** - Tell about the things that make you happy, excited, etc., and explain why they are so special to you.
- ☆ **A Great Place** - Name and describe a place that is special to you. Tell about why it is such a great place to visit.
- ☆ **Happy Holiday!** - Tell about your favorite holiday. Tell why it is your favorite, and describe what you do on that special day.
- ☆ **A Day Off** - What is so special about getting a day off from school? Why? Explain, and be descriptive.
- ☆ **Heart Breakers** - Tell about things that make you sad or get you down. You can also write about a terrible experience you have had.

- ☆ **A Moment in Time** - Tell about a memory of something in your life that you will never forget.
- ☆ **I Wish...** - Tell about a special wish, hope, or dream you have for your life that you want to come true.
- ☆ **Fifth Grade** - Tell about your experience so far in fifth grade. Include your likes and dislikes.
- ☆ **Besties!** - Tell about your best friend (or friends). Tell who they are, why they are your besties, and the things you love to do together.
- ☆ **A Special Person** - Write about someone who means a lot to you. It could be a friend, family member, teacher, etc. Tell why he or she is important in your life.
- ☆ **My Pet or My Treasure (if you do not have a pet)** - Describe your pet or your most treasured possession, and tell all about it.
- ☆ **My Favorite Book or Movie** - Name the book or movie and tell why you think it is the absolute best.
- ☆ **Community Service** - Do you volunteer or help out with a church, charity, or organization? Tell about what you do and how it makes a difference in your community.
- ☆ **Making Changes** - Is there something about your life you want to change? Tell about it and describe why and how you are going to change it.
- ☆ **My Favorite Activities** - What are your hobbies and favorite activities to do? Tell what you love about them and why they are so much fun.
- ☆ **Changing Places** - If you could switch bodies with anyone you know, who would you choose? What would you do as that person?
- ☆ **Remembering 2015** - Was 2015 a terrific year? Tell about your favorite things that happened. You can include your favorite sayings, movies, books, sports heroes/sporting events, songs, trips, etc.