

## Autobiography Assignment

A biography is a book that tells the story of a person's life. An autobiography is written by the person the biography is about. The novels of Laura Ingalls Wilder are autobiographical. They are based on the real life childhood experiences of Laura Ingalls. For this assignment, you are going to write an autobiographical account of your childhood experiences.

### Rough Drafts (to be written in your composition book):

- Chapter 1: Introducing Me: rough draft due Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>  
In this section, you will answer the question: Who are you? You can answer this question with any information you want to share about yourself. Some suggested topics include your age, appearance, personality, general likes and dislikes, friends, and future goals.
- Chapter 2: Meet My Family: rough draft due Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>  
For this section of the autobiography, you are going to describe your family. You can tell about just your immediate family (your parents, brothers, and sisters) or you can include all your extended family (grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc...) It's up to you!
- Chapter 3: Early Memories: rough draft due Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>  
In the third section of your autobiography, you will tell about your earliest childhood memories. Some questions you may want to answer are: What's the first thing you can remember? Do you have memories from pre-school? Who were your friends when you were a little kid and what games did you like to play?
- Chapter 4: School Days: rough draft due Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
For this section of the autobiography, you will be writing about your experiences at school. You may tell about your teachers, friends, favorite subjects, or extracurricular activities, etc...

### The Final Draft (to be typed or handwritten):

- Each section or chapter of the autobiography should be at least fifteen well-written sentences. This is a minimum— feel free to make the sections longer.
- Use paragraphs. Each chapter should contain at least two or three paragraphs.
- Each chapter of your autobiography should be on its own page(s) and should be labeled with the chapter number and the title of the chapter. Make up a unique title for each chapter that reflects the content of that section.
- If typed: use Times New Roman font size 12, double space, set margins to one inch, left justify. Chapter numbers and titles should be bold and centered at the top of the page in size twelve Times New Roman.
- If handwritten: write out the paragraphs in your neatest cursive on loose leaf paper. Be sure to skip lines. Chapter numbers and titles should be centered at the top of each page in the same size as the rest of your handwriting. Do not use the back of pages.
- The project should also include a cover page. This page should include the title of your autobiography and the name of the author. Feel free to be creative with this page—use a fun font, decorate it, etc...
- The project should also include four pictures/illustrations—one for each chapter. These can be photos or they can be drawings. These should be completed on blank paper and inserted after the chapter that they accompany.
- **Extra Credit Opportunity:** Write an optional Chapter 5. For this last section of your autobiography, you may choose any topic you'd like to write about. You may tell about a favorite hobby or sport you've been involved in. You may write about places you've visited or pets you've owned. This is your chance to pick your own topic!

**Final Due Date: Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**