

**Learning Goal:** I will demonstrate an understanding of library research by using features of a text such as table of contents and index to find specific information. I will also demonstrate an understanding of biographies by finding and organizing information about a person of my choice. I will also demonstrate how to record (cite) information in a Bibliography section.

**BIOGRAPHY:**

A biography is a detailed history, description, or account of a person's life written by someone else. An **autobiography** is the same thing, but written by that person.

**THE TASK:**

1. Choose a biography of someone you find interesting using books in the library. Note that you **must** use a book for this assignment.
2. Use features such as the table of contents and index to find information on the person of your choice to fill in appropriate biographical information using the biography organizer outline below.
3. Record page numbers from the book(s) you use as a source for your information
4. Use the information in the outline to write a paragraph summarizing your person. Include basic information about the person, their influences, their accomplishments, and any other interesting facts you were able to find.
5. Include a *Bibliography* reference at the end of your summary paragraph. This is like a link that tells readers where you got your information. It is **not** for when you use direct quotes from another person's writing – just when you are finding information. It looks like this:

Author Last Name, Author First Name: Title is Underlined. City of Publishing: Publisher's Name, Year of Publishing.

Cyrus, Miley: Wrecking Ball – The Story of My Life. New York: Random House, Inc., 2013

**SUCCESS CRITERIA:**

- I will ensure I follow all steps of this task/assignment.
- I will use text features such as the table of contents and index to find information.
- I will include page numbers for each piece of information I include on my outline.
- I will write a detailed paragraph that follows paragraph expectations, is detailed, and follows the structure of the biography outline.
- I will edit my paragraph for clear ideas, spelling, and grammar. It can be typed or nicely printed.
- I will include a bibliography.
- I will hand in both my outline **and** the completed paragraph.

**MARKS**

Outline (APPLICATION) /10  
Paragraph (COMMUNICATION) /10

**BIOGRAPHY ORGANIZER**

*Fill in the chart with information about the person you have selected. Ensure you include page numbers from biographies you use to support your information.*

<b>Name of Person:</b>	
<b>Childhood Events &amp; Influences</b>	<b>Education &amp; Adult Life (Important Dates/Places in Life)</b>
<b>Major Accomplishments (How did they impact the world?)</b>	<b>Other facts, stories, quotations</b>
<b>Bibliography Information:</b>	