

Autobiography Outline

Introduction (1 to 2 paragraphs)

- Start with an interesting hook or brief story about yourself. For example:
 - “It was a cold blistering January evening when my parents’ worst nightmare was born.”
 - “My mom always said I was born with attitude. According to my mom, I was born like a girl who was shot out of a canon. I am that cannon girl!”
- Use descriptive language!
- Describe your personality or character, perhaps through a short story.

Family (1 to 3 paragraphs)

- Mention your full name and date of birth if you have not done so already.
- Who are your IMMEDIATE family members? DESCRIBE them! Don’t just list them.
- Who are some close relatives that are important to you?
- What are some interesting things that you and your family have done?
- Describe traditions that you have as a family.
- What are some lessons that you have learned from your family/relatives?
- **Ask your parent(s)/close relatives these questions:** “What are some words of wisdom you want me to know?” and “Why are these words of wisdom important?”

Early Years (1 to 2 paragraphs)

- How would your parent(s) or relatives describe you as a baby or toddler? **Ask them!** Share a story that fits this description.
- Did you have a favourite pet or stuffed animal or toy? Why did you love it?
- What were you afraid of as a small child? Has this changed?
- Is there anything else that stands out in your memory?

Elementary School Years (1 to 4 paragraphs)

- What is your favourite memory about school?
- Who are your friends? Why are they your friends? Describe them! Don't just list them.
- Describe what you have learned about yourself or how you have changed over the years.
- What is or isn't important in a friend or in your life?
- What have you learned about how to get along in life?
- Describe any hobbies, likes, or dislikes that make you YOU!

Future (1 to 2 paragraphs)

- What are your goals/plans for your grade 7 year?
- What are your plans for high school and beyond?
- How will you achieve these goals?

Conclusion (1 to 2 paragraphs)

- Wrap up your autobiography.
- Summarize who you are.
- What do you hope your audience will learn about you?
- Give your words of wisdom to your audience.