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What Is A Biography?

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noun: biography; plural noun: biographies

1. an account of someone's life written by someone else.

synonyms: life story, life history, life, memoir

What is the author's purpose? What purpose do biographies serve?

- •To inform
- •To entertain
- To educate

Who are biographies on?

Biographies can be done on anyone, but are most often done on people who have accomplished or experienced something significant.

HOOK the reader by picking a title that sounds interesting and fun to read.

GRAB the reader's attention with a lead & a main idea sentence that brings the subject to life.

sophisticated Sentences: use transitions, phrases & clauses when telling about your subject and their personal details

conclusion: Connect your reader with the subject, to conclude.

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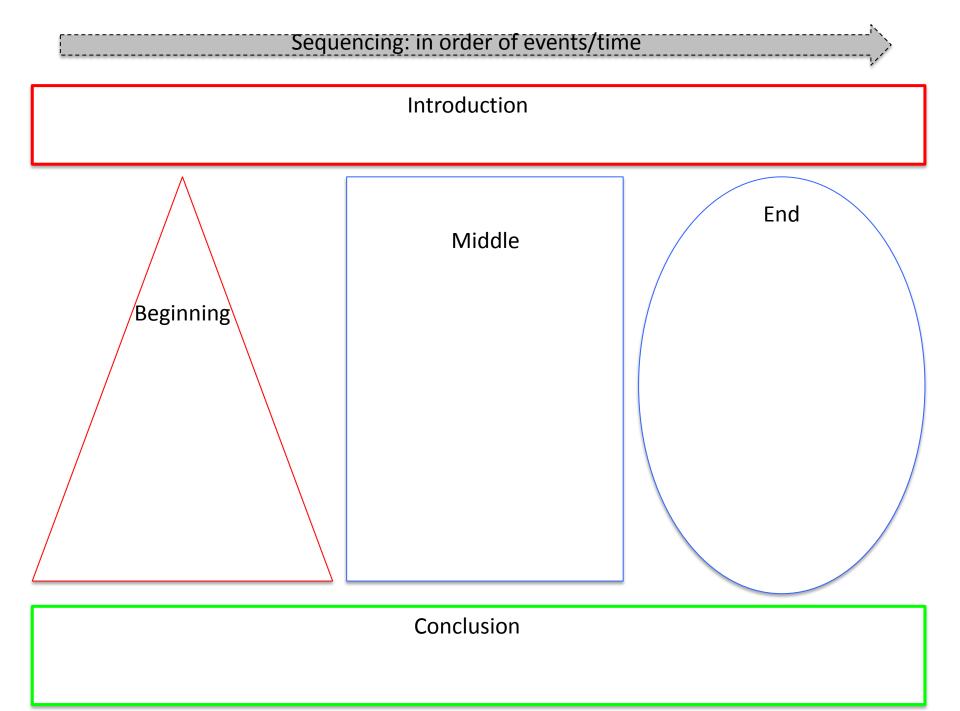
A Dream, A Desire and Determination

Use a good quote said by the subject What would you do if....?

Have you ever wondered.....?

As a child,During his youth..... Eventually, in 1939..... Before she died,

If George were alive today....
What Martha has brought to society today....
Without Edison's brilliant ideas.....



With your veteran. You will be doing your biography in three parts: Early Life, Military Service, and Legacy.

Early Life: date of birth, where they are from, parents' names and occupations, siblings, school level, etc.

Military Service: registration date, enlistment date, rank, branch, affiliated division and group, missions, hospital visits, etc.

Legacy: death date, cause of death, next of kin, internment location and date, final resting place, ect.

* It is important to focus on the details of your Veteran's life that shaped how they grew up and what they did.

Example:

Dillon Duncan Brooke

1915-1944

Early Life

Born: June 30,
 1915 in Florida

Education: 8th grade

 Job: worked in construction then trucking

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Family

- Parents: Pearl and Dillon Brooke Sr.
- Siblings: Emory, Elton, Clarence, Mildred, Lena, and Geneva
- His dad died in 1915

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Military Service

- Enlisted: March 1, 1941 at Camp Blanding
- Army Unit: 7th Infantry
 Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division
- Killed artillery shell fragments
- Died: May 25, 1944 in Italy

His brothers Emory, Elton, and Clarence all served in the military too.

Pvt. Brooke Now Reported Killed In Italy

Mrs. Pearl Brooke, 827 S. First ave., South Miami, has been notified that her son, Pfc. Dillon D.

Brooke, 29, has been killed in action on the Italian front. He had previously been reported missing in action.

Pfc. Brooke was born in South Miami, attended the South Miami schools and was engaged in the trucking business when he

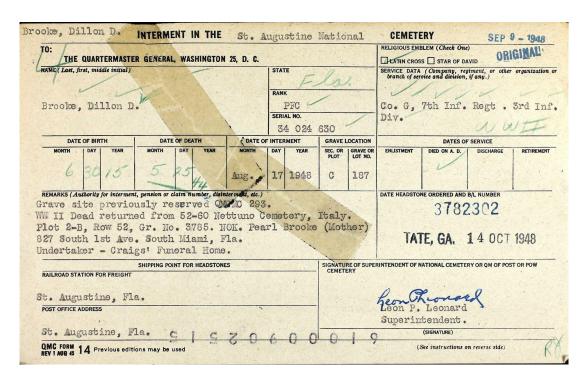


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went into the Army in March, 1941. He also is survived by three brothers in the armed services, Tech. Sgt. Emory L. Brooke, in Iran; Lt. Elton O. Brooke, in the Army in the South Pacific, and Clarence L. Brooke, in the Navy in Massachusetts; three sisters, Mrs. Mildred Scott, Claxton, Ga., and Mrs. Lena Patrick and Mrs. Geneva Laren, of Miami.

Legacy

- His name is on 2 memorial plaques in Dade County
- First buried in Italy
- Reinterred in St. Augustine National Cemetery





Important things to remember while writing:

Remember to explain how details of your Veteran's life fits into history.

- For example, if your Veteran was a child during the Great Depression, explain how that affected how much school they attended, what job their parents had, if their parents owned or rented their house, etc.
- Including historical context in your biography (i.e. a paragraph explaining what life was like in Florida during the Great Depression) can help readers understand why these details are important.
- Each of these details paints a better picture of the life your Veteran led and what kind of person they were.

Do not forget to include details of those close to your Veteran.

- What job(s) your Veteran's parent(s) held, or if their significant other had a baby affected your Veteran's life or legacy so it is important to include.
- Often, the details of those your Veteran has left behind is very important to the "Legacy" section of your biography. Including how their lives continued is something you should try to include if you have the information to do so.