

Non-Fiction Report: Biography

The following is a suggested guide or outline for the non-fiction report on the life of an outstanding deaf person:

1. Background Information

- a) Date and place of birth
- b) Cause and age of deafness
- c) Schools attended/graduated from
- d) Method of communication/education
- e) Influences on choice of career/life's work/special interest

2. Life's Work & Achievements

- a) Pioneering deeds or "Breakthrough" achievements
- b) Special contributions to the profession or career work
- c) Special contributions to the community (deaf community or hearing community)
- d) Special recognition/awards/honors received

3. Human Interest

- a) Problems/difficulties (physical or other) experienced and overcome
- b) Interesting character/personality traits
- c) Anecdotes (tales, jokes) about the deaf person (if any)

4. Comment & Opinion

- a) Any difficulties you experienced in finding source materials (data in encyclopedias, books, magazines, etc.)
- b) Your suggestions regarding missing information to make the biography more complete
- c) Your evaluation of the deaf person's life and achievements