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