

You are about to tell the world your life story so far!

Here's how to do it!

- A. Design a COVER PAGE that includes the following:
 - a. Your full name and a picture of yourself
 - b. A TITLE
 - c. Drawings, family snapshots, or pictures- your cover should represent your likes and interests. Make it colorful and inviting to read!

- B. Dedication Page- this is page one. Who is someone special that you would like to dedicate this autobiography to? Tell why briefly. You may choose more than one person.

- C. Table of Contents- this is page two. Decide on an original, funny, or interesting title for each chapter of your life.

- D. Introduction- this is page three. Introduce yourself! Tell who you are (name, age, grade, your motto for life, etc.).

- E. Chapters 1-8- these are pages 4-19. This is where your life story will begin...Select 8 of the following chapters to include in your autobiography. Each chapter should be one page of writing and one page for pictures.

- F. Conclusion- this is page twenty. This is the last chapter! End it with a brief summary that includes your thoughts and feelings about this project (and a favorite quote if you have one).

As you are completing the following chapters, consider the following suggestions:

Collect pictures of yourself, friends and family as you go along to add to your book.

Drawings, magazine cut outs or artwork of any type are a great way to spice up your autobiography!

Interview family members, friends, former teachers, or other people that you knew as you were growing up. Chances are, they will remember things that you don't. We have offered you some suggestions for what to include in each chapter, but you can be as creative as you like with them.

Chapter _____ : Birth and Childhood- Include when and where you were born, activities you enjoyed as a child, other places you have lived or visited, friends, etc. Did you cry a lot as a baby? What are some funny things you did as a child? Favorite toys? When did you learn to walk, talk, and ride a bike? How did your parents pick out your name?

Chapter _____ : Family- Parents, brothers, sisters, step-family, grandparents, etc. Tell why these people are special to you. Write about some adventures, voyages, disappointments, or disasters you may have shared together.

Chapter _____ : Hobbies/Sports- What do you like to do in your spare time? Do you play an instrument? Do you sing or collect stamps? Do you do volunteer work? Are you part of a sports team or other organization? If you're not, what might you like to do in the future?

Chapter _____ : The Person/People You Most Admire- This could be a family member, friend, movie star, sports figure, relative- describe this person and tell why you admire them.

Chapter _____ : School- Make a list all your teachers from nursery school up to now. Describe what school has been like for you. You might want to include field trips, friendships, memorable years and difficult years.

Chapter _____ : Most Memorable Experience-This can be a happy, sad, disappointing or even frightening time in your life. Tell how it affected you for better or worse.

Chapter _____ : Holidays- What is your favorite holiday and why? Tell how you celebrate it. What is your least favorite holiday and why?

Chapter _____ : Wish List- What are some things that you wish for? To fly, be invisible, have world peace? Do you have a wish for someone else? Make a list!

Chapter _____ : Things That Creep You Out! What are you afraid of? What makes your skin crawl or your spine tingle? What can send you screaming for your blankie?!

Chapter _____ : The Best Thing About You- Are you kind, helpful, forgiving, a hard worker, honest, athletic? What are your best character traits? Give some examples of how you show these qualities to others.

Chapter _____ : A Not So Good Thing About You-Are you disorganized, a procrastinator, too competitive? Whatever it may be, do you work on changing it?

Chapter _____ : Greatest Accomplishment So Far-What is something that you are most proud of doing? Maybe it's something you are hoping to accomplish in the future? Tell about it.

Chapter _____ : Most Prized Possession- What is it? Where did you get it? Was it a gift or did you find it? Why is it special to you? Where do you keep it?

Chapter _____ : Favorite Book- Have you read anything good lately? Last year? Is it a book your parents read to you long ago? Tell why you liked it!

Chapter _____ : One Day Over-If you could go back and relive just one day over again, which day would it be? Was it a great day? Was it a day that you wish you could change the way you acted? Describe that day and tell why you would want to live it all over again.

Chapter _____ : My Best Friend-Who is your BFF? It may be one person or it may be a few. It may be someone in your family. Describe this person(s) and explain why they mean so much to you.

Chapter _____ : What's Not Fair-I'll bet you a million dollars that you've said, "That's **so** not fair!" at least a thousand times. I'm sure your parents will back me up on it too! Let's hear some details about those things you think are unfair.

Chapter _____ : A Place I'd Like To Visit- What would be your dream vacation? Where is one place you've always dreamed of going? Write about it! Add a map if you'd like!

Chapter : Likes and Dislikes- Make a list of your favorite and not so favorite things! I know that chocolate would be at the top of my favorite list!

Chapter _____ : Goals for the Future - Where do you see yourself in twenty years? Will you have gone to college, gotten married and have some children? What job will you hold?

Chapter _____ : Over The Hill - When you're finally too old to do anything but sit in your rocker and wonder where you left your false teeth, what would you like people to say and remember about the life you led?