Biography Rubric

CATEGORY	10	8	6	4
Focus on Assigned Topic	The entire text is related to the assigned topic and allows the reader to understand much more about the topic.	Most of the text is related to the assigned topic. The story wanders off at one point, but the reader can still learn something about the topic.	Some of the text is related to the assigned topic, but a reader does not learn much about the topic.	No attempt has been made to relate the text to the assigned topic.
Organization	The biography is very well organized. One idea or scene follows another in a logical sequence with clear transitions.	The biography is pretty well organized. One idea or scene may seem out of place. Clear transitions are used.	The biography is a little hard to follow. The transitions are sometimes not clear.	Ideas and scenes seem to be randomly arranged.
Accuracy of Facts	All facts presented in the writing are accurate.	Almost all facts presented in the writing are accurate.	Most facts presented in the writing are accurate (at least 70%).	There are several factual errors in the writing.
Style and Creativity	The biography is written in the third person point of view. The writing contains many creative details and/or descriptions that contribute to the reader\'s enjoyment.	The biography is written in the third person point of view. The writing contains a few creative details and/or descriptions that contribute to the reader\'s enjoyment.	The point of view is inconsistent. The writing contains a few creative details and/or descriptions, but they distract from the story.	There is no clear point of view. There is little evidence of creativity in the writing.

| Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar | There are no spelling, punctuation, or grammar errors in the final draft. Character and place names that are spelled consistently throughout. | There is no more than 3 spelling, punctuation, or grammar errors in the final draft. | There are 4-6 spelling, punctuation or grammar errors in the final draft. | The final draft has more than 7 spelling, punctuation, or grammar errors. |