

English for SOL

December 1 – 5

- 1. Research a famous person (your choice) and fill out the graphic organizer.**
- 2. Use the graphic organizer to write a rough draft of your biography.**
- 3. Complete worksheet on Biography vs. Autobiography**
- 4. Read Biography on Mozart and answer the questions that follow.**

Name: _____

Plan for Biography

Name of person you are choosing to research: _____

When and Where was your person born?

Who was the person's family?

What did they do as a young child?

What did they do for college?

What did they do as an adult?

Who is their family as an adult?

What made them famous?

Where are they now? When did they die?

Name _____

Date _____

Biography VS Autobiography

Biography

The true story of someone's life **written by someone else**



Elements

- It may span a person's whole life, or it may tell about an important part of a person's life.
- An account of a person's entire life is almost always told in chronological order (in the time order events occurred).
- It contains a variety of important information about the person's life. It often tells how the person feels and thinks about things.

Autobiography

The true story of someone's life **written by that person**



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Write Bio or Auto or BOTH in the blanks to answer the questions.

- _____ 1. This is a true story about someone's life written by that person.
- _____ 2. This is a true story about someone's life written by someone else.
- _____ 3. This story contains a variety of important information about the person's life.
- _____ 4. This story is told in chronological order.
- _____ 5. This story can tell about a person's whole life or just a part of their life.
- _____ 6. Martin's Big Words was written by Doreen Rappaport.
- _____ 7. The Diary of Anne Frank was written by Anne Frank.

Name: _____

Class: _____



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1771)

Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria, on January 27, 1756. Mozart's father, Leopold, was a musician and a music teacher. Wolfgang was a child prodigy; at the age of five he composed a minuet, and played both the harpsichord and the violin. He performed for the Viennese Royal court with his father and sister when he was six years old. Between the ages of 7 and 10, Wolfgang and his older sister toured Europe, playing for kings, emperors, and other royalty. Mozart wrote his first symphony at nine years old.

During his short but very productive life, Mozart wrote over 600 pieces, including symphonies, sonatas, concertos, operas, dance music, and masses. Some of his most famous pieces are *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*, K525, the operas *Le Nozze di Figaro*, K.492 and *Die Zauberflöte* (The Magic Flute), K.620, the "Jupiter" Symphony, No. 41 in C Major, K.551, and his Requiem Mass, K.626.

Mozart married Constanze Weber in Vienna in 1781; they had six children but only two survived to become adults. Mozart's popularity with the public went up and down, and he had continuous financial problems, often because of his own bad habits. He was known to be rude and lack manners, and had a loud, often obnoxious, laugh; some nobility would not hire him.

Mozart was only 35 years old when he died on December 5, 1791 in Vienna, Austria. He had been ill for some time, often with rheumatic fever. Most historians believe he died of trichinosis from eating raw pork. Because he was penniless when he died, Mozart was buried in a pauper's (mass) grave in Vienna, Austria.

Questions:

1. Where was Mozart born? _____
2. What did his father do for a living? _____
3. At what age did Mozart publish his first composition? _____
4. Name a piece of music Mozart composed: _____

Bonus: What period of music did Mozart live and write in? _____