

## Lesson Plan

### Autobiography At-a-Glance

**Book:** *Billie Eilish*

**Series:** Biggest Names in Music

**Level:** Navigator

#### Objective

To help students explore the root words of the term *autobiography*, and to create a short autobiography of their own.

#### Supplies

- *Billie Eilish* book
- Whiteboard
- Computer access for students

#### Before the Activity

Read through the *Billie Eilish* book, or assign it to students to read on their own.

#### Activity

*Billie Eilish* describes the life and career of Billie Eilish. This kind of book is called a biography. Write this word on the whiteboard. Explain that this word comes from combining two Greek words: *bios*, which means “life,” and *graphia*, which means “writing.” Combining these words together creates *biography*, which means writing the story of a person’s life.

Sometimes, a person writes his or her own life story. This kind of writing is called an autobiography. Write this word on the whiteboard, too. Underline the prefix “auto-.” Explain that this prefix comes from the Greek work *autos*, which means “self.” So, an autobiography is a life story that a person writes herself or himself.

Do a short autobiography project as a class. Have students turn to the At-a-Glance feature on pages 28 and 29. Explain that students will create their own version of this feature called “Autobiography At-a-Glance.” They should create a one-page document on the computer. Like the feature in the book, their project should contain the following information:

- a title (Autobiography At-a-Glance) at the top of the page
- the student’s birthplace
- the student’s birth date
- the names of the student’s family members
- the name of the student’s school

- a list of four to six important events from the student's life
- a picture of the student with a short caption that explains what's happening in the picture or gives additional information about the student
- a quote (two to three sentences) that shares an idea that's important to the student or shows the student's personality

### **Evaluation**

Collect the autobiographies and give each student up to 15 points:

- 4 points for including each part of the format (title, photo, caption, and timeline)
- 4 points for the bullet-point information (birth date, birthplace, family, and school)
- 5 points for the timeline of important events
- 2 points for including a relevant quote

### **Standards**

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 6 (RI 6.3, 6.7).