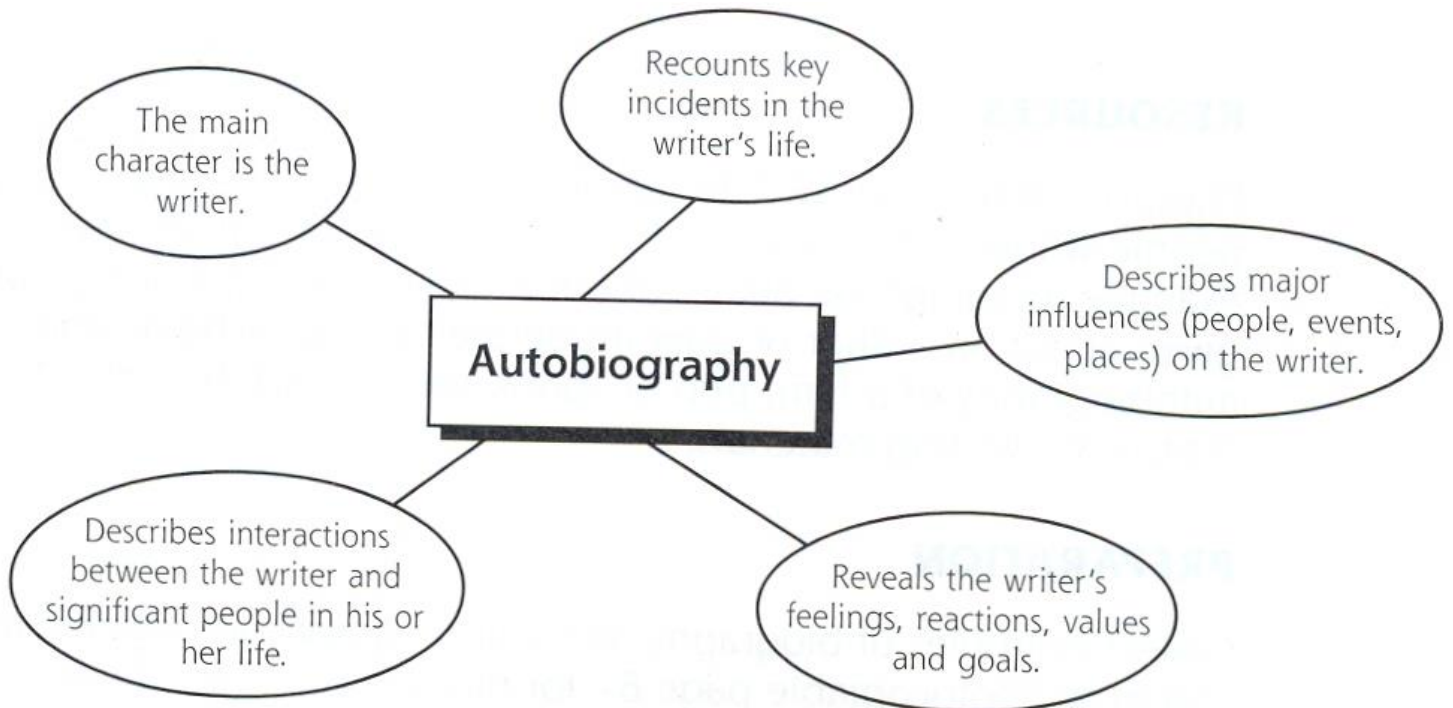


## Writing Homework

**Draft a biography about yourself.** This is called an autobiography. Talk to your parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles (or anyone who knows you) to find out what you were like growing up and make notes or a timeline (or both if you prefer).

Try to uncover some interesting, funny or fascinating events in your life so far.

Have fun!



### Autobiography

*Autobiography is always a first-person account because the writer is the subject of the narrative.*

When anyone asks me where I'm from, or where I grew up, I have to answer: 'Most places.' Because it's true. From the time I was born in 1947 (a post-war baby) to the time I had my own second baby in 1976, I never lived in the same city, let alone the same house, for more than three years! But I remember each of the houses I have lived in (even the one I was born in), and attached to each one is at least one special memory. For example, outside the house where we lived when I was just beginning to discover the joys of reading, there was the most marvellous tree. Not only was it an excellent 'climber' (I broke my arm twice falling out of it!), but it also provided me with a special reading place. At the base of the huge trunk was a little hollow, just the right size for my bottom and back. I would snuggle up into it, hidden away by the tree's enormous foliage, and spend hours lost in other people's worlds.

An autobiography is set out in the same way as a biography. It has:

- an opening paragraph (who it is about)
- a main body, where the key events are written in **chronological (time)** order and
- a closing paragraph (what's going to happen in the future).

If you can, write a **quote** or two from a relative!

See if you can find a picture of you when you were young (and cute).

Bring it in and we can copy it for you to use in your finished autobiography.

You want to make it as fun and interesting as you can for the reader!