

Biographies for Kids

In this fun book you will learn all about
biographies and autobiographies with a
very special helper!



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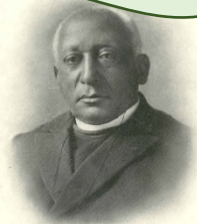
Hi! My name is Buckles T. Beaver and I will be your helper. I can help you learn all about biographies and why they are important. Here in the Greene County Archives, we have several books of biographies from 1881. That's over 100 years ago! I wonder what life was like then. What did people do? Where did they work? I can show you some of the pictures in this book. Do you think people in 1881 looked and dressed the same as people do today? Did they have the same kind of jobs?



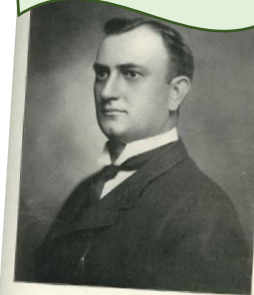
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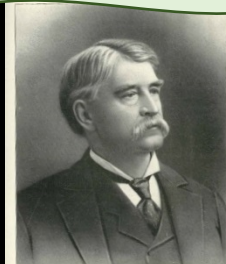
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What is a Biography?

A biography is the story of a person's life written or told by another person.

What is an Autobiography?

An autobiography is the story of a person's life written or told by that person.

I can write a biography all about you,

or

I can write an autobiography all about me!

My Autobiography

By Buckles T. Beaver



Full Name: Buckles T. Beaver

Nickname: Bucky

Date of Birth: February 2, 2009

Place of Birth: Beavercreek, OH

I live in: Xenia, OH

My School: Beaver Academy

My Story:

My name is Buckles T. Beaver and I was born along the banks of a creek in Beavercreek Township in 2009. My family and I moved to Xenia in 2013 after my baby brother was born. I am a student at Beaver Academy in Xenia, Ohio. I really enjoy my social studies and language arts classes! We get to learn about neat things that happened a long time ago and we read interesting stories about animals and places all over the world. My favorite book is *Frog and Toad Are Friends*. During recess, my friends and I like to play tag in the creek that flows just outside our school.

When I get home from school, I first work on my homework. Sometimes my mom helps me when I don't understand a math problem or a spelling question. After my homework is all completed, I then play with my younger sister, Becky, and my younger brother, Bobby. We like to play games in the woods behind our backyard. Many times our dad joins us after he gets home from work. After playing, I help set the table for supper.

Supper time is my favorite because we get to eat a delicious meal that my mom made and we get to share family stories. Sometimes my grandparents come over for supper. Grandma and Grandpa tell funny stories about their childhood and stories about how my great grandparents grew up in Beaverville, Illinois. I have learned a lot from these family stories and by doing this genealogy packet, it will help me to learn more about my family's past.

My Autobiography

By _____

Full Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

I live in: _____ My School: _____

My Story:

A Picture of Me

You can draw a picture
of yourself or paste a
photo here.





Now that you have told your own story, let's tell the stories of other people in your life! Below are some great tips for writing biographies about other people.

1. Make a list of the people who are important to you and write a biography about each person. You could write about your family, friends, teachers, neighbors... anyone you want!
2. Before you write someone's biography, ask lots of questions. You can sit down with each person and write down all of the important details.
3. Take a picture or make a drawing of each person to add to their biographies.

People I want to write about:

Here are some sample questions you might want to ask or you can make your own list of questions! There is room in this book to write 6 biographies. If you would like to write more than 6 biographies, ask an adult to make copies of the blank pages in this book or you can use a pad of paper to make your own book.



Where did you grow up?

What do you do for fun?

Who is your best friend?

What is your favorite food?

When is your birthday?

What is your favorite game?

What are your parents & grandparents names?

Do you have any brothers or sisters?

How do you spend your free time?

What sports do you like?

Do you have a favorite movie?

What kind of music do you listen to?

Other questions I want to ask: _____

A Biography of _____

By _____

Full Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

A Picture of _____

A Biography of _____

By _____

Full Name: _____ Nickname: _____

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Full Name: _____ Nickname: _____

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A Picture of _____

You are now a fully trained writer of biographies and autobiographies! Maybe you could mark a day on next year's calendar to pull out this book and see if you want to add anything. Did you make a new friend? Do you have a new brother or sister? Are you in a new club at school?

Once you fill up this book and any more books you create, put them in a safe place. Pick someplace that is dry and will protect your book. That way your autobiography and the biographies of the people in your life will be safe from damage. At the Greene County Archives, we keep our books on shelves so that we can look at them any time!

Would you like to see our records and how we keep them safe? You can come visit the Greene County Archives any time! All you have to do is ask your parents or teacher to call us. We will show you our records and you can bring your records to show us!

Thank you for spending time with me and learning how to write a biography and an autobiography. It has been fun getting to know you and the important people in your life!



Your Friend,
Buckles T. Beaver

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