

Writing Strategy: Biography

A biography is a written account of the series of events that make up a person's life. It includes the details about a person's birth, family, career, accomplishments, and death.

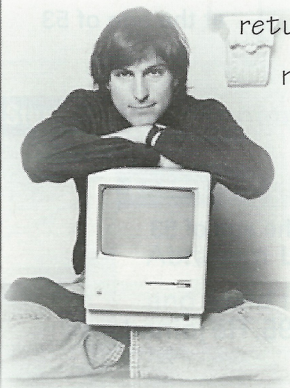
1. Research the life of the person you choose to write about.
2. Create an impressive beginning and put all the details into the composition.
3. Add information about the person's effect on society or historical significance.

Bridge to Writing

Read the following paragraph and answer the questions.

Steve Jobs' Life

Steve Jobs was a businessman and inventor who always thought creatively. He was born on February 24, 1955 and was adopted by Clara and Paul Jobs. As a boy, Jobs and his father would work on electronics in the family garage. At the age of 21, he and his friend, Steve Wozniak, started a computer business. The company was a success, but he



had to leave it in 1985. A decade later, he returned to the company and developed new technological devices. They made him a superstar in the computer industry. On October 5, 2011, he died of cancer. Many people were inspired by his accomplishments as a true inventor and innovator.

Provide general information about the person.

Basic details include
- Date and place of birth and death
- Family information
- Major life events
- Major accomplishments

Write about the person's effect on society or historic significance.

Check-up

- Underline the major events that Steve Jobs experienced in his life.
- What made this person special or interesting?