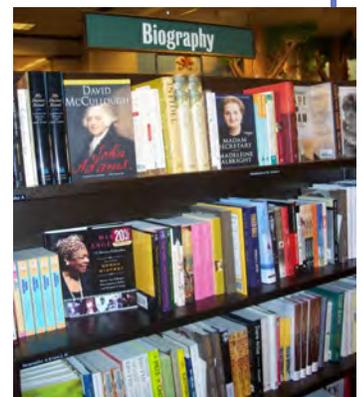


Have you read Diary of Wimpy Kid?

If you are like most kids, you have and you really liked it. The story is all about Greg Heffley's everyday life as a middle school student. He writes in his diary about everything that happens to him and what he thinks and feels about these things. And, it's filled with cartoons and humor! What's interesting is that author Jeff Kinney includes some stories from his childhood in the book. He said he had an ordinary childhood but had a lot of funny things happen along the way. So the "Diary" books are similar to an autobiography.

What is an autobiography?

An autobiography is the history of a person's life told or written by that person. Everyone has an interesting story to tell, whether they enjoyed a wonderful life or had a hard life. Writing an autobiography is a great way to tell those stories and record history of your lifetime. Life-story telling can also be diaries, personal journals, memoirs, family history through genealogy, novels, historical documents, even songs and comics.



Today, we are going to write a life story!

Do you want to continue writing?

- Keep a diary or journal. "Diary" author Jeff Kinney recommends to any kid out there to keep a journal, even for a short-time, and he guarantees you'll treasure it for the rest of your life. He wished he had! His advice: keep your journal entries short and sweet.
- Interview your parents or grand-parents. Ever wondered what games they played as a kid? Guess what, it wasn't Nintendo! Advice: Start by asking your family members five questions and writing down the answers. Then use those answers to create five more questions. You could even ask them to start creating their life stories leaving a family history for you.
- Write your life story...Justin Bieber wrote his! Think about holiday traditions your family has and write them down. Get a picture from an old photo album and write the story that goes with it; try who, what, when, where and why. Advice: Be creative by adding artwork or awards and remember, this is your story and it's important to tell it.

