

Stephen King Bio

Word Formation

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Read this excerpt of a Stephen King biography from Sparknotes and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the root word on the right. PLEASE WRITE IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS.

Stephen King was born on September 21, 1947, in Portland, Maine, his home state for the (1)..... of his life. King's father, Donald, abandoned his family when King was only two, and King never saw or heard from him again. His mother, Nellie, was left with the burden of raising him and his (2)..... brother, David. In his early years, King occasionally went to live with relatives on both sides of his family. The family moved around, living in a (3)..... of small towns before finally settling in the Maine community of Durham when King was eleven. When King was a teenager, he found a box of his father's old horror and science-fiction magazines, a (4)..... that would change his life. He began writing his own tales of horror while still a high school student at Lisbon High School in the mid-1960s and even attempted to write a few novels. After graduating, King accepted a (5)..... to the University of Maine, Orono. War protests and the politically charged atmosphere of the late 1960s transformed King from a (6)..... into a student radical who led marches to express dissent about the United States' (7)..... in the Vietnam War. Shortly after graduation in 1970, King married another aspiring (8)....., Tabitha Spruce, and worked as a high school English teacher during the day and at an (9)..... laundry at night to make ends meet. The couple had a daughter, Naomi, in 1971 and two more children in the following years. Despite his demanding work and family life, King never abandoned his love for writing and (10)..... published his first novel, *Carrie*, in 1974. The novel and subsequent 1976 movie raked in enormous profits and catapulted King to instant fame and fortune-

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