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ENGLISH WORKSHEET: BIOGRAPHIES OF FAMOUS NICARAGUANS & SIMPLE PAST TENSE

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Course / Level: _____ **Date:** _____	**Score:** _____ / 100 pts

PART I. LISTENING COMPREHENSION – FAMOUS NICARAGUANS (15 pts)

Instructions: Listen carefully to the three audio biographies and select the correct option (a, b, or c) for each question. (Note: Audio scripts are provided at the end of this document for recording).

Audio 1 – Rubén Darío

1. **Where was Rubén Darío born?**
   [ ] a) León, Nicaragua [ ] b) Metapa (Ciudad Darío), Nicaragua [ ] c) Managua, Nicaragua
2. **What was Rubén Darío's greatest literary achievement?**
   [ ] a) He created the Modernismo movement [ ] b) He wrote Nicaragua's national anthem [ ] c) He painted famous murals
3. **In which year did he publish his famous book 'Azul'?**
   [ ] a) 1867 [ ] b) 1888 [ ] c) 1916

Audio 2 – Alexis Argüello

4. **What was Alexis Argüello's famous nickname?**
   [ ] a) El Flaco Explosivo [ ] b) El Príncipe de las Letras [ ] c) El General de Hombres Libres
5. **How many world boxing championships did he win?**
   [ ] a) Two world titles [ ] b) Three world titles in different weight classes [ ] c) Four Olympic medals
6. **What public office did he hold in 2008?**
   [ ] a) Minister of Sports [ ] b) President of Nicaragua [ ] c) Mayor of Managua

Audio 3 – Augusto C. Sandino

7. **Where was Augusto C. Sandino born in 1895?**
   [ ] a) Niquinohomo, Masaya [ ] b) Jinotega, Jinotega [ ] c) Granada, Granada
8. **What did Sandino organize to defend Nicaragua's sovereignty?**
   [ ] a) A literary magazine [ ] b) The Army in Defense of National Sovereignty [ ] c) A national museum
9. **In what year was Augusto C. Sandino assassinated in Managua?**
   [ ] a) 1927 [ ] b) 1933 [ ] c) 1934

PART II. BIOGRAPHY VOCABULARY (15 pts)

Instructions: Read the definitions and select the correct word from the Word Bank. Write or select your answer in the box.

WORD BANK: champion • poet • legacy • hero • published • exile

#	Definition	Selected Word

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1.	A person who writes poems and expresses ideas through verse.	[Select / Write]
2.	An athlete who wins first place in a major competition or tournament.	[Select / Write]
3.	To print and distribute a book, poem, or article for the public to read.	[Select / Write]
4.	The state of being forced to live away from one's native country.	[Select / Write]
5.	A person admired for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities.	[Select / Write]
6.	Something important left behind by a person after their death that inspires others.	[Select / Write]

PART III. READING COMPREHENSION – ARMANDO MORALES (20 pts)

Instructions: Read the biography of famous Nicaraguan painter Armando Morales and choose the best answer (a, b, or c).

Armando Morales: Master of Nicaraguan Modern Painting

Armando Morales was one of Latin America's most celebrated modern painters. He was born on January 15, 1927, in Granada, Nicaragua. From a very young age, he showed extraordinary talent for drawing and painting. He studied at the School of Fine Arts in Managua, where he developed his unique artistic vision.

In 1956, Morales won an important international prize at the Gulf-Caribbean Art Exhibition in Houston, Texas. After this success, he traveled to New York and later lived in Paris, France, for many years. Even while living abroad, he never forgot his homeland. His paintings often featured mysterious tropical jungles, volcanoes, horses, and still-life scenes inspired by Nicaraguan landscapes. Museums around the world, including the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York, collected his works. Armando Morales passed away in Miami in 2011, leaving an unforgettable artistic legacy.

1. **Where and when was Armando Morales born?**
   [ ] a) In Managua in 1956 [ ] b) In Granada in 1927 [ ] c) In Paris in 2011
2. **Where did he study art in Nicaragua?**
   [ ] a) At the School of Fine Arts in Managua [ ] b) At UNAN-León [ ] c) In Houston, Texas
3. **What happened in 1956?**
   [ ] a) He moved to Miami [ ] b) He won a prize in Houston, Texas [ ] c) He opened a museum in Granada
4. **Which themes appeared frequently in his paintings?**
   [ ] a) Modern skyscrapers and cars [ ] b) Tropical jungles, volcanoes, and horses [ ] c) Winter snow and mountains
5. **Which famous museum collected Armando Morales's artwork?**
   [ ] a) The Louvre in Paris [ ] b) The British Museum in London [ ] c) The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York

PART IV. PRONUNCIATION OF REGULAR PAST VERBS: /t/, /d/, AND /ɪd/ (15 pts)

Instructions: Classify the 9 regular Simple Past verbs from the box below into the correct ending pronunciation column (/t/, /d/, or /ɪd/).

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REGULAR VERBS: published • studied • created • traveled • visited • worked • defended • helped • lived

/t/ (voiceless sound: k, p, sh, ch, s)	/d/ (voiced sound: l, n, r, v, vowel)	/ɪd/ (after t or d sounds)
e.g., worked	*e.g., lived*	*e.g., visited*
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PART V. BIOGRAPHY DIALOGUE – LUIS ENRIQUE MEJÍA GODOY (10 pts)

Instructions: Complete the dialogue between two students using the Simple Past verbs from the box.

VERB BOX: was • wrote • learned • traveled • became

Sofia: Hi Carlos! Who did you research for our Nicaraguan biography project?

Carlos: I researched Luis Enrique Mejía Godoy. He (1) _____ born in Somoto, Madriz, in 1945.

Sofia: Oh, the famous singer-songwriter! When did he start playing music?

Carlos: He (2) _____ to play the guitar and percussion when he was a teenager.

Sofia: Did he stay in Nicaragua all his life?

Carlos: No, he (3) _____ to Costa Rica in the 1970s to study and record music.

Sofia: What else did he do in his career?

Carlos: He (4) _____ dozens of iconic songs about Nicaraguan culture and peace, and he (5) _____ one of Central America's most beloved musicians!

PART VI. SENTENCE ORDERING – SIMPLE PAST TENSE (10 pts)

Instructions: Put the scrambled words in the correct order to form grammatically correct Simple Past sentences.

1. **in / Rubén Darío / 1867 / born / was / Nicaragua / in / .**
   Answer: _____
2. **three / won / Alexis Argüello / championships / world / boxing / .**
   Answer: _____
3. **sovereignty / Sandino / national / defended / Nicaragua's / .**
   Answer: _____
4. **Paris / painted / Armando Morales / beautiful / in / landscapes / .**
   Answer: _____
5. **did / go / last / Where / you / vacation / on / ?**
   Answer: _____

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PART VII. GUIDED WRITING – A PLACE I VISITED IN THE PAST (15 pts)

Instructions: Write a short paragraph (6–8 sentences) about a place you visited in the past (for example: Granada, Ometepe, León, San Juan del Sur, or a historical museum). Use the Simple Past tense with BOTH regular verbs (e.g., visited, walked, enjoyed, stayed, traveled) and irregular verbs (e.g., went, saw, ate, took, was/were). Underline the past verbs you use.

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