UNIT 8 – WRITING #1

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

WRITING

Biography A biography tells about the life and work of a person. You can include key dates, such as birth date, important events, and interesting facts in the person's life. You should also explain why this person is or was important. Use expressions such as *one of the most* and *the first*.

1 **Read.** Read about David Mach. Underline the facts that you find interesting. Why do you think he is important?

David Mach

David Mach was born in Scotland in 1956. He is an artist and is famous for his big sculptures that use many different kinds of objects. He has made sculptures from sports equipment, matches, and magazines.

His first exhibition was in London in 1982. He has now had exhibitions in many cities around the world. Some of his famous sculptures are in public places. He used old phone booths to make a sculpture on a street in London. He made a train out of bricks that is in the hills in the north of England. In 2012, he made some huge, colorful sculptures called Giants in a small Italian town.

Some of Mach's most famous sculptures are made of metal coat hangers. Some are of wild animals and another is of an astronaut.

David Mach's coat-hanger gorilla

1 **Read the biography *David Mach* in your Student's Book.** How did the writer plan the writing? Read the steps below.

1. First, the writer chose a topic. What was the writer's topic?

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2. Second, the writer wrote important dates, events, and facts.

Key Dates	Important Events	Interesting Facts

3. Third, the writer explained why the person is important.

4. Fourth, the writer used expressions that show importance, such as *famous*, *around the world*, *most famous*, and *huge*.

5. Finally, the writer wrote a sentence of introduction and organized the sentences into a draft, or a first version, of the biography.

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