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Writing

Level: Advanced

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Function: To write a biographical profile

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Writing a biographical profile

A biographical profile usually begins with an introduction that includes a **thesis statement** about what makes the person interesting or special. The subsequent paragraphs are usually arranged in chronological order.

The paragraphs in this biographical profile about J.K Rowling have been scrambled. Read the text and put the paragraphs in order.

Rowling received a grant allowing her to finish the book in 1995, but it was rejected by 15 publishers before a small company called Bloomsbury published it in 1997. In 1998, the book was published in the United States as *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. It wasn't long before the book was winning awards and rising to the top of the bestsellers lists. Rowling went on to write and publish the second book in the series in 1999, and then several more in the seven-book series between then and 2007. Today she's the bestselling author of all time.



In Portugal, Rowling's schedule allowed her to write during the mornings, and she continued working on the book. While there she married a Portuguese journalist, but after the birth of their daughter, Rowling returned to England with a suitcase full of Harry Potter notes. She continued to write, and went to a café with her daughter every day to work on her Harry Potter book.

Born in Gloucestershire, England, in 1965, Rowling was a good student whose favorite subjects were English and foreign languages, and after graduating from high school she studied French at Exeter University. Following her graduation from Exeter, Rowling worked as a bilingual secretary. On a train trip during this time, Rowling got the idea for a book about a boy named Harry Potter, an orphan who learns he is a wizard and enters a school of wizardry and witchcraft. Rowling began writing the book during lunch breaks and meetings, before finally quitting her job at age 26 and moving to Portugal to work as an English teacher.

If you don't know who J. K. Rowling is, you must be from another planet. Her Harry Potter books have been translated into 28 languages and are sold in 115 countries. They have been turned into popular movies. Although Rowling has earned over one billion dollars for her work and has been called a genius by many, life wasn't always easy for her.

Write a biographical profile about a person you admire or consider a role model in your life. Your text must contain 4 paragraphs: an introduction stating your thesis (what makes this person special), two body paragraphs, each of them containing two different moments in their life that support your thesis, and a conclusion where you restate your thesis.