

Autobiography Rubric

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Category	4	3	2	1
Introduction	The introduction is inviting, states the main topic and previews the structure of the paper.	The introduction states the main topic and previews the structure of the paper, but is not particularly inviting to the reader.	The introduction states the main topic, but does not adequately preview the structure of the paper nor is particularly inviting to the reader.	There is no clear introduction of the main topic or structure of the paper.
Content	Details are placed in logical order and the way they are presented effectively keeps the reader. Included information on all 10 required topics.	Details are placed in logical order, but the presentation style sometimes makes the writing less interesting. Included information on all 10 required topics.	Some details are not in a logical or expected order, and this distracts the reader. Included information on all 10 required topics.	Many details are not in a logical or expected order. There is little sense that the writing is organized.
Focus on Topic (Content)	Each paragraph contains a topic sentence, supporting sentences, and closing sentence that clearly makes a transition to the next paragraph.	Each paragraph contains a topic sentence, with some supporting sentences and closing sentence.	Topic sentence is somewhat clear but there is a need for more supporting information.	The topic sentence is not clear. There is a seemingly random collection of information.
Word Choice	Writer uses vivid words and phrases that linger or draw pictures in the reader's mind, and the choice and placement of the words seem accurate, natural and not forced.	Writer uses vivid words and phrases that linger or draw pictures in the reader's mind, but occasionally the words are used inaccurately or seem overdone.	Writer uses words that communicate clearly, but the writing lacks variety, punch or flair.	Writer uses limited vocabulary that does not communicate strongly or capture the reader's interest. Jargon or clichés may be present and detract meaning.
Spelling Grammar Technical	No misspellings. No grammatical errors. The paper is typewritten, double-spaced, 12-point font, single page.	Some misspellings and/or some grammatical errors. The paper is typewritten, double-spaced, 12-point font, single page.	Some misspellings and/or some grammatical errors and/or paper does not exactly follow technical requirements.	Many misspellings or grammatical errors and/or paper does not follow technical requirements.