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WORKSHEET NO:	Topic: Bio Sketch worksheet	Note: To be written in notebook

Meaning:

A biography, or simply a bio, is a detailed description of a person's life. It involves more than just the basic facts like education, work, relationships, and death; it portrays a person's experience of these life events. A bio sketch is a shorter, crisper version of a biography that showcases in brief the life, achievements and contributions of a person.

Points to keep in mind while writing a Bio- Sketch:

- Name, date of birth/age, place of birth
- Major personality traits
- Educational details highlighting any major achievements or awards
- His/her contribution to society
- Special interests, why they are famous for

Biography sketch Example

Kailash Satyarthi

Clues

Born 11 January 1954, Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh, India-academic qualification-Electrical Engineer-family-married, Teo children-a daughter and a son-prize motivation - 'His struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education' - awards - Nobel Peace Prize, 2014 (shared with malala Yousafzai) - Defenders of Democracy Award (US), 2009- Alfonso Comin International Award (Spain), 2008 - The Robert. Kennedy Human Rights Award, 1995 - popular child Rights Activist- started a journal 'The Struggle Shall Continue' in 1980 (create awareness about child labour) - founder - Bachpan Andolan (BBA), a movement dedicated towards eradication of human trafficking and bonded child labour.

Kailash Satyarthi

Kailash Satyarthi is a renowned Child Rights Activist. He was born on 11 January 1945 in Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh. He is married and has two children - a daughter and a son. He is an electrical engineer by profession. He left his job and started working towards the eradication of child slavery and child labour. He is the founder of the Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA), a movement dedicated towards eradication of human trafficking and bonded child labour. He started a journal 'The Struggle Shall Continue' in 1980 to create awareness about the widespread weevil of child labour. He is the Nobel Peace Prize winner for India for 'his struggle against the suppression of children and found people and for the right of all children to education. 'He is also the only second Indian winner of the Nobel Peace Prize after Mother Terressa in 1980. He has won several other awards like Defenders of Democracy Award (US) in 2009, Alfonso Comin International Award (Spain) in 2008 and the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award in 1995.

To write a bio- sketch using information provided, keep the following points in mind:

- Convert the facts provided into coherent sentences. It should be written in the third form.
- Use connectors and conjunctions wherever necessary
- Organize the matter into a paragraph with the emphasis on portraying a person in an admirable manner

Writing Exercises:

1. Use the information given below to write a bio sketch:

- Ruskin Bond was born on 19th May 1934 at Kasauli.
- Sent at a boarding school in Mussoorie
- Schooling from Bishop Cotton School in Shimla where he graduated in 1950
- An Indian author of British descent
- An author and a poet by occupation
- Works influenced by the life in the hill stations at the foothills of the Himalayas
- Our Trees still grew in Dehra, A flight of pigeons, The Blue Umbrella, and his autobiography Lone Fox dancing are his notable works
- Awarded Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, Sahitya Academy Award etc
- Wrote fiction, stories, novella, travelogue, books for children.
- Influenced by Charles Dickens and Mark Twain

2. Read the lesson 'Cube Art- An Artist's story' from your Literature Reader based on the life of the famous painter Picasso and the art form he is known for- Cubism. Mark out details from the lesson about his birth, early childhood, adulthood, career as an artist, his famous art works, his personality, his contributions and his fame. Use these details to write a bio sketch on Pablo Picasso.

3. Now that you have read the story written by Khushwant Singh about his grandmother 'The Portrait of a Lady' mark out personal details about his grandmother mentioned in the story. Is the information sufficient to write a bio sketch? What additional details would be helpful?