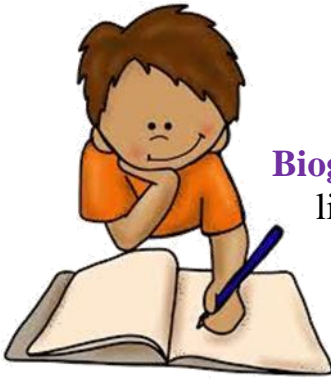




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Worksheet No: 21	Topic: BIO-SKETCH	Note: To be written in notebook



BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Biography is a detailed description or account of a person's life. Biography is life story of a person written by someone else.

A **biographer** is a writer who writes the biography of other people's lives.

The main points that need to be incorporated while writing a bio-sketch are:



Full name, date of birth/age, place of birth



Major personality traits



Educational details highlighting any major achievements or awards



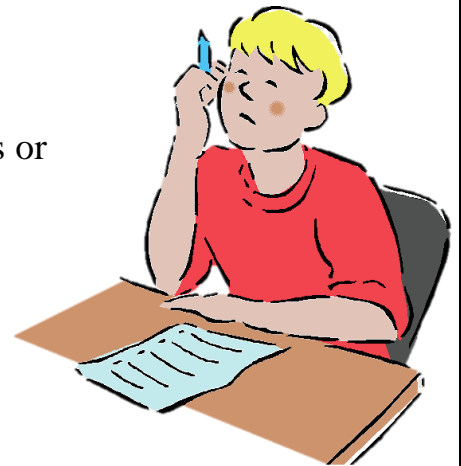
His/her contribution to society



Any special interest



Why/What is he/she famous or known for?



Sample Bio-Sketch

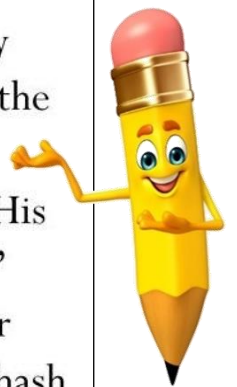
With the help of the given clues, write a bio-sketch of Subhash Chandra Bose in not more than 80-100 words:



- Name: Subhash Chandra Bose; Netaji
- Contribution: immense, Freedom Fighter
- Born: January 23, 1897 in Cuttack, Orissa
- Career: Civil Services
- Achievements: Joined struggle; established Indian National Army
- Motto: Give me blood and I will give you freedom
- Setback: Retreat after the defeat of Japan and Germany
- Death: Air crash over Taipei, Taiwan (Formosa) on August 18, 1945

ANSWER

Subhash Chandra Bose, affectionately called Netaji, was born on January 23, 1897 in Cuttack, Orissa. He was one of the most prominent leaders of Indian freedom struggle. Deeply moved by the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, he gave up a promising career in the Civil Service to join the Freedom Movement. He founded the Indian National Army to overthrow British Empire from India. His famous motto was “Give me blood and I will give you freedom.” However, defeat of Japan and Germany in the Second World War forced INA to retreat and it could not achieve its objective. Subhash Chandra Bose was reportedly killed in an air crash over Taipei, Taiwan (Formosa) on August 18, 1945.



Q. Write a bio sketch of A.P.J Abdul Kalam. You may use the following clues:

- Born: Oct 01, 1931, Rameshwaram, Tamil Nadu
- Missile Man of India.
- Education: Aerospace engineering, Madras Institute of Technology, Chennai
- 1958- worked in DRDO
- 1963- Joined ISRO
- Career as a scientist: development of ballistic missile, Launch vehicle technology, prominent role in India's 1998 nuclear weapons tests.
- 1997- Indira Gandhi award for National Integration
- 1981- Padma Bhushan
- 1990- Padmavibhushan
- 1997- Bharat Ratna.
- 2002- Won presidential Election, 11th president of India, served from 2002-2007.

Answer:





APJ Abdul Kalam was born on Oct 01, 1931, in Rameshwaram, Tamil Nadu. He studied at the Madras Institute of Technology, Chennai, where he specialized in Aerospace engineering. He started working in the DRDO in 1958 and later joined ISRO, in the year 1963. He has made his mark as one of the greatest scientist and is known as the 'Missile Man of India'. He developed the ballistic missile and the Launch vehicle technology. He is known for his prominent role in India's 1998 nuclear weapons tests. He has been awarded with many prestigious awards over the years. He has been awarded with -Indira Gandhi award for National Integration, Padma Bhushan, Padmavibhushan and Bharat Ratna. He was elected as India's 11th president in the year 2002 and he served till 2007.

Exercise:

1. On the basis of the information given below, write the bio-sketch of Ruskin Bond.

- Ruskin Bond was born on 19 May 1934 at Kasauli.
- Sent at a boarding school in Mussourie
- 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 life in the hill stations at the foothills of 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 Shree, Padma Bhushan, Sahitya Academy Award etc.
- Wrote fiction, short stories, novella, travelogue, books for children
- Influenced by Charles Dickens and Mark Twain

2. With the help of the given clues, complete the bio-sketch of Helen Keller in not more than 100 words.

-  Helen Keller was Born on 1880; healthy child till age of 19 months
-  Sickness: suffered high fever; became deaf and blind
-  Communicate: began to feel people's hands to find out what they were doing; recognize people by feeling their faces or their clothes, made up signs with her hands so she could talk to her family
-  Success: determination, strong will Role model