

【英文自傳】 撰寫須知

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How to Compose an Outstanding Autobiography and Self-Introduction

如何呈現一份出色的英文自傳與自我介紹 趙 永 祥(南華大學財金系助理教授)

1. 前言

* 營造第一印象

- A. Question 1: What would you like your reader to know about you
- B. Question 2: How can you convey your earnestness and knowledge

自傳內容要呈現兩個特點才算成功,一是清楚描述出自己的才能和專長,二是讓主考官可以知道自己為何要參加該系甄選。

譬如高中參加過科學競賽得獎及平常也喜歡閱讀科學方面書籍,就非常適合參加理工科系甄選入學。考生可在自傳裡描寫參加科學競賽中的特別感觸,很容易感動人。還要描述,為了甄選進入某校系,高中時做了哪些準備等,或性向測驗評估自己適合讀該系,也是有力佐證。

另外,**自傳**使用的文字要具體,不可太抽象,多舉例說明,而且要使人印象深刻,常引用 名言、善用對比、引述故事等。

2. 英文自傳應包含的內容要點

* The Basic Elements of an Autobiography

- A. Personal Background: Origin and family etc.
- B. Personality
- C. School Life: Study and Extracurricular Activities
- D. Personal Accomplishment
- E. The reason why you choose the major
- F. Hobbies, Interests and Talents
- G. Life Philosophy
- H. Future Plans: Expectations and Aspirations
- I. Experiences

3. 注意事項

* Tip

- A. Use fine quality stationary
- B. Keep it neat, clean, short, simple but clear: the KISS rule
- C. Choose a top-quality printer to print your resume. Try not to send photocopies of your resume or cover letter
- D. Find a second reader to give you some ideas or correct your grammar or context

4. 範例寫作參考 My name is ______. I am graduate from ______ senior high school and major in _____. There are ______ people in my family. My father works in a computer company. And my mother is a housewife. I am the youngest one in my family. In my spare time, I like to read novels. I think reading could enlarge my knowledge. As for novels, I could imagine whatever I like such as a well-known scientist or a kung-fu master. In addition to reading, I also like to play PC games. A lot of grownups think playing PC games hinders the students from learning. But I think PC games could motivate me to learn something such as English or Japanese. My favorite course is English because I think it is interesting to say one thing via different sounds. I wish my English could be improved in the next four years and be able to speak fluent English in the future. 二: I am _____. I was born in _____. I graduate from _____ senior high school and major in English. I started learning English since I was 12 years old. My parents have a lot of American friends. That's why I have no problem communicating with Americans or others by speaking English. In my spare time, I like to do anything relating to English such as listening to English songs, watching English movies or TV programs, or even attending the activities held by some English clubs or institutes. I used to go abroad for a short- term English study. During that time, I learned a lot of daily life English and saw a lot of different things. I think language is very interesting. I could express one substance by using different sounds. So I wish I could study and read more English literatures and enlarge my knowledge. 三: My name is . There are 4 people in my family. My father is a Chemistry teacher. He teaches chemistry in senior high school. My mother is an English teacher. She teaches English in the university. I have a younger brother; he is a junior high school student and is preparing for the entrance exam. I like to read English story books in my free time. Sometimes I surf the Internet and download the E- books to read. Reading E- books is fun. In addition, it also enlarges my vocabulary words because of the advanced technology and the vivid animations.

I hope to study both English and computer technology because I am interested in both of the subjects. Maybe one day I could combine both of them and apply to my research in the future.

四:

My name is _____. I am from _____. There are people in my family. My father works in a computer company. He is a computer engineer. My mother works in a international trade company.

She is also a busy woman. I have a older sister and a younger brother. My sister is a junior in National Taiwan University. She majors in English. My brother is an elementary school student. He is 8 years old.

Because of my father, I love surfing the Internet very much. I play the on-line game for about 2 hours every day. I wish I could be a computer program designer in the future. And that is why I am applying for the electronics program in your school.

五:

From a middle class family, I was born in Hsin Ying, Tainan on October 10th, 1985. My father is a civil official at Tainan City Government. My mother is a house wife good at cooking. Although I am the only child of my parents, I am by no mans a spoiled one. On the contrary, I have been expected to be a successful man with advanced education. I study hard at school. Besides texts knowledge, journalism is my favorite; whenever reading, my heart is filled with great joy and interesting.

"Being good is must; successful, however, is plus." Father adopts the idea of his father. Especially in military service, I realized it more precisely. People said: Military service makes a boy to man, I agree that.

I realized the importance of English and began to study diligently when I was eighteen. I did not start in my early age, but I hope that I could pass the test of General English Proficiency Test. And this is my best wish at the moment.

5. 英文自我介紹與面試的要點

有關於英文面談,實在是有別於中文面談,事實上,技專校院入學英文面談教授所要求的,並 不是要你英文相當好,而是你聽得懂基本的英文對話。

A. Yourself (關於你自己)

· My name is
· I am Lin-chuan Wang .
· My English name is <u>Michael</u> .
· I .am years old.
·1 I was born in 1980 in (台中、台北)
· I am a girl (or boy).
空格內建議可使用如下: active, outgoing, easygoing, ambitious,
creative, quiet, gentle, faithful, highly motivated.
B. Your family background or childhood (家庭背景或童年)

There are _____ people (members) in my family.
I was brought up in a happy family_/ warm big family.

空格內建議可使用如下:職業

· My father is a _____ and my mother is a _____

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worker, farmer, business man, engineer, teacher, doctor, housewife, housekeeper, home maker, career woman, business woman

· They (My parents) are very <u>liberal</u>.

空格內建議可使用如下:

conservative, open-minded, traditional, responsible.

· I have _____ younger / older sister(s) 或 brother(s)

C. Your hobbies (興趣)

· I like reading and swimming. 其他建議如下: mountain-climbing, <u>hiking</u>, playing the piano, playing basketball and ball games, etc.

D. Your school life (學校生活)

- · I graduated from _____.
- · My major was accounting. 其他建議如下:
 mechanical engineering, chemistry, business, business management, international
 trade, foreign language, medicine etc

E. Your wish in the near future (近期的希望與目標)

- · I hope to be your student.
- · I hope I can enter your department.

F. You ambition and aspiration (理想抱負)

•	I wish to be a	<u>.</u>
•	My ambition is to be a	填空建議如下:
	an excellent teacher, an enterpriser	, a qualified accountant, a best interpreter,

an English-speaking guide etc

G. 結語

- · Thank you for your listening
- Thank you for your time.

(以上兩句可選其中之一發揮即可!!)

I hope to see you again soon.

以上是同學務必先準備,很簡單吧!不須文謅謅的用詞遣字,你需要的是 Spoken English (口語英文),而不是 Written English (寫作英文)。

6. 技巧與 Q&A 實例

在聽主考官所問的問題時,抓 key word (關鍵字),例如:how, what, when, where… 等疑問詞。

a. 技巧1:為了避免停頓過久,因你聽不大懂對方的問題時,可能會有楞住的尷尬,所以不妨學一些英文的口頭語,像"well…, let me think about it."或是"well, let me see",

利用這一個口頭語的時間再把對方的問題重新思考,對方會覺得你很自然,不會覺得你的聽力 不好而停頓過久。

b. 技巧2: 聽力不好的補救方法,是當對方問完他的問題時,不妨重覆對方的問題,例如對方問: "What's your favorite TV program?"你可以重覆"TV program?"或者你可以說"you mean TV program",然後對方會說"Yes",此時已增加了十秒鐘以上讓你去思考"TV program"的中文意思。

When you were at school, were you totally involved in any activities? 你仍是學生時,是否熱心參予活動?

Yes, I think the school time is the best time to go out to see the world and become independent. So I often traveled during the holidays. Meanwhile I worked as to get some money to support myself for traveling and to save some money for my tuition fee. By these means, I obtained a lot of useful experience. This surely is helpful to my future work. I was selected as a member of our school baseball team, and I spent almost all my leisure time in training and taking part in matches. Although the training was really hard, it strengthened my will and I've benefited a lot from it.

是的。我認為求學階段是到外面世界和培養獨立能力的最佳時期。因此我在假期常常旅遊,同時我也做兼職,用作旅遊和求學時的生活費。通過這些途徑,我獲得了許有益的經驗。這當然對我未來的工作有幫肋。我曾被選為學校籃球隊隊員,我幾乎把全部課餘時間都用在訓練及參加各種比賽上。儘管訓練的確艱苦,但磨練了意志,我從中得益良多。

Would you say that you are more outgoing or more reserved type? 你覺得你的個性是傾於外向,還是內向?

Well, I think I'm very outgoing by nature. I like being with people and working with them. 我的個性是很外向開朗的。我喜歡跟人打交道,與人合作共事。

Would you talk about your strength and weakness? 可以談一談你的優點和缺點嗎?

Well, I'm a very passionate person and patient as well. I can take difficult jobs that bother other people and work at them slowly until they get done. Sometimes, I may look dull. But when you get to know me better, you'll see that I'm pretty quiet in fact. One of my weaknesses is that I'm not good talking in front of people. I need to work on that.

我很熱忱也很有耐性。能承擔那些嫌麻煩而畏懼的工作,並能耐心地將其完成。我有時看起來 挺木訥。一旦你深入了解我後,你會發現其實很文靜。我最大的缺點,是不善言談。我必須加 強這方面的自我鍛煉。

Please tell me something about yourself? 請介紹一下你自己好嗎?

I'm Colin Hsu and I come from Kaohsiung. I was born in 1985, November 10th. I graduated from McGill High School in June. I majored in Music. I am very interested in classical music and new things. On the personal side, I think I'm very frank and have a strong sense of responsibility. Thank you.

我叫徐考林,來自高雄,出生於一九八五年十一月十日。我今年六月畢業於麥基爾高中,主修音樂。我喜愛古典音樂和新事物。性格方面,我覺得自己是一個坦誠和富有強烈責任感的人,謝謝。

HOW TO WRITE AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

When writing an autobiography, you focus on three major things: who you are in life, what life means to you and what your outlook on the future is.

"Autobiographies have been written since A.D. 400 when an early Christian leader, Saint Augustine, wrote his." An autobiography is information about one's own life written by that one person. In it, it tells what that person's life is all about. When writing your own autobiography, use interesting facts to explain as much about yourself as you can.

The first thing you do when writing an autobiography is start off with a lot of facts about your life; for example, when and where you were born, where you live (city and state), where you go to school and who you live with. You have to give a lot of information so your reader can clearly understand what is going on. Once you have written this introduction, you are ready to start your first paragraph of the autobiography.

Who you are in life?

The best way to start an autobiography is to state your name. When you are writing this paragraph, you usually explain the type of person you are; use facts about yourself such as: have you won any awards? What types of awards have you won? Did you finish school? Do you plan on going to college?

What life means to you?

This is now your second paragraph. In this paragraph you should state how you see life--what does life mean to you. Are you happy or sad? Do you have a lot of friends or just a few? How do you make your school days go by? Do you have a boyfriend/girlfriend? What are your favorite places to go on dates? How long have you been dating? If you are involved in a relationship, do you think it will last forever?

What is your outlook on the future?

In this paragraph you should explain what you think the future will be like. Pick a year and explain how it will be but explain it through your eyes. Where will you be? How will you be living? Will you be married? Will there be any kids? Who will you be married to? What is he/she like? How long will you have been together?

Conclusion

The conclusion is the last paragraph of your autobiography and an important one, too. In the conclusion you usually try to re-word the introduction and add some type of closure to bring the whole autobiography together.

英文自傳 範例(一)

I am Lin. Sophia is my English name. I am 18 years old, studying in a public girls' high school. I come from a very happy middle class family. My father works in a bank and my mother works in a bookstore. I am not the so-called spoiled child. My parents make very sure of that by training me to be independent.

Throughout my academic career I have not only gotten good grades but also been very active on sport field and have involved in various societies. I play volleyball and enjoy the team spirit we have. I have joined the drama club and participated in many English speech contests. I really enjoy participating in school activities. I not only made many friends, but also gained many different valuable experiences. I have been the class English tutor for almost three years. I like to discuss and share the experience of learning English with people a lot. We often read "China Post" and "Time Magazine" and discuss the content, the word usage and practice speaking English by discussing the articles we have read. At the beginning we found it was quiet hard because we could rarely understand the content but we encouraged each other not to give up. Gradually we had made improvement, we were so excited by it that the group discussion of English books and magazines became one of the most enjoyable things for us every week. I have won the first prize of school English speech contest in second year of high school and many of my English speech contests in my second year of high school and many of my **English articles were put on "Students Post."**

My fondness for English is developed from my childhood. It's lonely to be the only child. I had no one to play with when I was a kid. My mom knew this so she took me with her all the time. Hence bookstores became my playground and books have been my playmates since I was young. My mom would show me those fancy books with cute illustrations on it. Firstly I was drawn by the pictures and then I was curious about these strange symbols called words. That was my first contact with English. As I was interested what those symbol meant, my parents taught me a bit. As they felt that I was eager to learn, they found me an English tutor. Thanks to my parents got the advantage of learning English by starting it at really early age.

My interest in English brought me to the world of English literature. I have been enchanted by this creative world since then, so I decide to major in English literature. My aim is to explore the world of literature and the world of great writers, to open my eyes and cultivate my mind through this great world of literature.

Besides English literature, I also have a wide range of hobbies. I love reading, Writing, music and movies. I have my active side as well, I enjoy swimming, hiking, raveling and going to the nature a lot. I believe we must have balance in our lives, As to my personality. I am creative, optimistic, determined, willing to help others and down to earth.

I want to be one of the literature students who have the privilege of studying great writers' work and exploring their inner world, their outlook of life and their role as learned scholars and their influence on the world. I can also do little contribution to awaking the awareness of culture and literature in our society since its importance has been neglected by us.

英文自傳 範例 (二)

My name is Fang. I am now 17 years old. I have an English name called Matthew. I am studying in a private high school. There are five people in my family officer and my mother is a housewife. Both of my younger brother and sister are studying in junior high school. You might think that my family is a traditional and stern one because of my father. However, it's the opposite. My father is an open-minded person full of sense of humor. I must say I am lucky to have such a happy family.

My father certainly have great influence on me, I always look up to him. His passion and dedication to his job and family are the best things us. He never forces us to do anything we don't like. He gives us freedom of choice. That's why I can join so many school activities and have the chance to develop my hobbies.

I have been very active. I am one of the computer freaks who just can't take my eyes away from the computer screen. My friends know I am good in computer, so as their computers have troubles, they would come to me. I am also a picture in school baseball team. Our team has won many, many matches thus we gained an honorable title of "unbeatable" team "I believe this is resulted from our constant practice, hard work and our strong team spirit.

Although computer and baseball take up most of my leisure time, I manage to use some spare time to play electronic guitar in a band. I use computer to make a lot of our songs into MIDI flies and send them forward to many friends. My friends love them and think it's awesome. To be able to combine my knowledge of computer and music is my proudest thing. Don't get me wrong. I didn't neglect my study. Unless my grades in school is OK, otherwise my parents won't let me go all these.

I have been interested in computer since I was an elementary school student. That was the time Father had this big computer on his desk. Every time I was father's absorbed face while using the computer, I developed this kind of admiration to it. I said to myself "I want to be like that one day."

I liked to play around with my dad's computer. One day I accidentally deleted one of my dad's important files, I was very scared that my father would be furious with me. However it was not the case, my father gave me a gift instead of punishment. I was so surprised. Guess what? Yes, I got anew computer. Ever since then I have been addicted to computers, especially after the emerging of the Internet. Surfing the net has been one of my greatest hobbies.

The e-Commerce has changed our traditional form of life style. Take myself for example: I keep in touch with my friends through e-mail: I send my greetings through e-card; I buy books from e-book; I shop from many websites and I search information from the search engines.

Not to mention the importance of the e-era has brought most powerful reform to the business world banks and stock markets do transaction through the net, business direct transaction through the net, he space and time limitation no longer exist. I am fascinated to the new change and eager to take part in it. So I have decided to study in Computer and Information Science. I want to be a professional computer programmer who creates and designs the software to meet the needs of people in e-ear.

英文自傳 範例(三)

I am Toa. My English name is Angela. I am 17 years old. I am from Taipei First Girls' High School. I come from a well-to-do family. My mother passed away when I was in my first junior high year. My father is a computer engineer who remarried again three years ago. My grandparents live with us as well. My family manages to get along pretty well.

Throughout my school years, my academic results have always been pretty good expected in second half of first year and first half of the second year, because my mother's death was such an anguish to me. It took me more than a year to get better. My father was afraid that I would turn bad after that. So he encouraged me to join many extra-curriculum activities. He sent me to piano class, ballet class and art class.

His purpose was to see that through music and art, I would find a way to let my pain go so that my heart would be comforted and my pain would ease away. I am very grateful to my father's caring and thoughtful consideration. Since then music has been my spiritual guide, gradually becoming my most intimate companion.

In my high school years, I have taken any chance to participate in school activities. I join the chorus and jazz club, and participate in plenty of contests and performing for many occasions. We have won many contests and had been invited by city mayor to perform in the city hall. I am also the, member of art club, I enjoy sketch and painting very much.

Every time when I have chance I would go to Music Theater to listen to symphony and orchestra performance. There's not once I would not be moved by the music. I really admire those musicians' talent, passion and dedication to music. I wish one day I would be able to become one of them, performing on the stage and touring around the world. That's my passion and expectation to myself, wish you would give me a chance to fulfill it.

英文自傳 範例(四)

I am Mark Huang, a second-year senior high school student. I am seventeen-year-old. I am from a well-to-do family. I am the eldest child of three. My father and mother run a trading company; my younger sister is in junior high school and our baby brother goes to elementary school. Since I am the eldest child, it makes me an independent, responsible and mature person.

I have great interests in computer. I have played with computer for almost seven years. My computer skill is superb. My friends always come to me for their computer problems.

I know how to set up a website and make flash animations. Currently I have my own website sharing my habits and interests with people around the world. My website is mainly about topics of computer, basketball and movies. I also make lots of funny flash cartoons on basketball.

I have met many web friends from many countries. We exchange information, ideas, school lives and academic problems. We have to communicate with one another in English, thus after these years of practicing English, it certainly helps me a lot in English and I become the top student in English course. Not to mention I am already the No.1 student in computer field.

In order to prepare myself for the E-era and be able to apple my interest and specialty into the workplace, I decide to major in computer science to enhance my computer skill and knowledge and learn how to design programs that will bring people efficiency and convenience in the 21st century.

With my computer and English ability, I am confident in myself to do well in computer field. Wish you could give me a chance to prove it. I am eager to be one of programmer who helps our society to do development and research on information and technology in this cutting edge.

英文自傳 範例(五)

My name is Yang. I am 17 years old. My English name is Wendy. There are seven people in my family, and I am the second child among five. My father is the undertaker of a factory and my mother is a housewife. My sister is a university student, while my younger sisters and brothers are junior high school students. Luckily, I have a happy family with open-minded parents and have a life with affluent materials.

Since I was a kindergarten student, I enjoyed singing and dancing very much. Usually, I volunteered to perform in front of the class. I remember then, I liked to watch variety shows, and that's how I learned to sing popular songs. Those singers and actors who perform in TV programs are my idols. Every time we hold the birthday celebration for my grandparents, it is me who have to imitate the singers in front of the relatives to amuse them. I felt entertaining people is such a great enjoyment.

Throughout my school time, I have been a regular student in study, but have excellent performance on various activities. Speech, painting, singing contests are my battlefield and the place for me to win my honor. Besides, I have wide range of hobbies. I enjoy reading novels, seeing movies, swimming, mountain hiking, roller-staking and overseas traveling. Also I join the badminton and drama clubs. I spend most of my time in the drama club after school, for every one of our club members has to undertake the role of both the performer and the staff. There are so many works to be done before a play is ready and all of our club members have to contribute ourselves what we are good at. While working with those vigorous and creative fellows I never feel tired or bored.

This summer, my drama club produces a play called "Aladdin" as our graduation ceremony show. I played Aladdin's mother, a comic role in the play with greedy and sarcastic characteristics. Because it was a musical, all the actors had to sing and dance at the same time. And thanks to the professional teachers who volunteered to instruct us, we even did the chorus during the play, which was a quartet with fantastic dancing. During the holidays we came to school doing rehearsals and made the costume and by this creative stage world that I

stared to think very seriously that whether it was a dream for me to pursuit. My parents tell me to do what I want but not what I am expected to and this is why I decided to apply myself to the drama department.

I want to become a stage actress as other companies who have the same ideal.

To me, a play not only can offer people entertainment, but also in many times, it can provide people a different point of view toward lives. Compare to those with full trained skill, who come from a professional school, maybe I am far too idealistic and naive. I know nothing is easy and I think to be a drama department student would be a big challenge. I have learned a line from my English teacher that is, "Not until you give it a try will you know the result." I got passion and expectation to myself, wish you would give me a opportunity to make my dream come true.

英文自傳 範例 (六) 甄選校系:

台灣師範大學英語系研究所

Growing Background

I am a happy girl and have a democratic family. My father is a public servant, who has led me into the wide information world of computer. My mother is an art teacher in elementary school, who nfluences me on art appreciation through appreciating many art works. Besides, I have a smart, progressive younger brother. We can exchange our knowledge, ideas and feelings with each other.

In my childhood, I studied in elementary school which my mother teaches in . My mother enjoys learning and is independent, so she has taught me to be independent in a planned way since I was a child. That includes the ability of thinking and planning on my own. I was always trained to be independent of her. For example, I had to walk to and from school and prepare my necessity of my studies. According to my age and ability, she let me learn to handle lots of things in daily life on my own . Thanks to the process of learning and growing up , now I have good ability in many respects. Therefore, I am deeply

influenced by the style of a good teacher like my mother. I think that being a good teacher and helping all kinds of students is my ambition worth devoting myself to.

After approaching English, I felt interested in it. In addition, my first English teacher taught me in an active way and encouraged me very much. His deep expectation increased my interest in English and enhanced my determination to learn English better. Then, throughout the English courses in junior and

senior high school, I gradually go into the wonderful word of English with voluntary learning and develop great interest in it.

Hobbies & Special Talents

In order to cultivate graceful character and a good hobby at leisure time, mom sent me to learn calligraphy. Surrounded by the fragrance of Chinese ink, I learned to imitate the model. My teacher and classmates thought that my handwriting was good, so I was often selected to join calligraphy contests. It could not only gain honor for my class but also approve my ability. Most important of all, I could improve my writing by taking part in these contests and learn from each other's works. As being a senior high school student, I am busy with my studies. But as long as I have leisure time, I cannot help but wield my writing brush and write some characters, then enjoying myself in the peaceful world.

Listening to English songs is also one of my favorite hobbies. I love classical elegant old songs or popular music. Due to this kind of interest and enthusiasm, I practice singing and, on the other hand, I learn vocabulary from English songs. This does kill two birds with one stone and I enjoy it very

much. It is really a special and wonderful way for me to pick up English.

In sports, I like badminton and swimming. They freshen up my mind and body. It is my belief that having good health is the source of success in everything. In addition, I like the appreciation of literature and art when I have free time. Also, I like to do some extracurricular reading. Various books and pictures can beautify my mind and make my life full of happiness and myself informative.

Characteristics

Stability—I will judge my plans and put them into practice by considering them well in advance. For example, I have prepared for the Recommendation College Entrance Examination spontaneously since I was in the first grade in senior high school. I have tried my best to improve my English ability and performed better in academic subjects to correspond to the qualifications that it requires.

Optimism—When I notice my classmates depressed and discouraged, I always play the role of listening to and sharing sorrow with them. I hope to keep them company and help them out of depression.

Sparing no efforts—In order to enter the university I dream of and my favorite department, I spend much time and devote energy on enriching my ability. I hope I can be affirmed by professors and then go to the English department of National Taiwan Normal University and carry out the first step of my plans for career.

Ideals & Plans

If I could study in National Taiwan Normal University, I would make every

effort to study about the courses of literature, translation and teaching skills of English to root my good ability of listening, speaking, reading and writing. After graduation, I would like to be a good English teacher or an outstanding translator. In addition, I hope to study further to improve myself on end. I believe that teaching and learning promote and enhance each other, so I would inform myself of the news and the trends of the age at any moment to offer my students the best, rapidest latest, and most correct information.

Normal University is the cradle of good teachers, so I make up my mind to enter myself for the examination of National Taiwan Normal University . I wholeheartedly look forward to the instruction and the cultivation of the professors and then I can join the ranks of English teaching and fulfill my ideal of being a good English teacher, stepping on my wonderful and important step of my life. National Taiwan Normal University is my expecting next mother school in the plans of my career.

英文自傳 範例(七)

I was born on a warm, sunny day in June in Sarasota, Florida. I still live in Sarasota, Florida, and I go to school at Booker High School. I live with my mom, Kate; my brother, Jake; and my Aunt Molly. When I was born, my bother was fifteen-months-old and hid under the table from me. Jake is a sweet kid and he would do anything for me, but like all brothers and sisters we fight like cats and dogs. Sometimes when no one was around, Jake would come up to me and bite my toes for no reason. I still love him but only because he is my brother.

Who I am in life.

My name is Sally Friday. I started school when I was six-years-old. I went to kindergarten through fifth grade at Booker Elementary and while I was there, I won an award for perfect attendance. I also won an award for honor roll all four terms. Then I attended Booker Middle School, and there I also won a couple of awards: one for perfect attendance and two for being named Student of the Year--one in sixth grade and the other in eighth grade. I am now a senior at Booker High School. I plan on finishing school and maybe going to a community college.

What life means to me.

Life to me means friends and family who you can trust and who trusts you. I am pretty much on the happy side of life, but like all teens I do I have my "days of." That means I do have some sad days or depressed days. I have a few frinds here that sort of look out for me and when I am having a bad day, I have someone here at school to talk to. I make my school days go by thinking of either the next hour or what I will do when I get home or on the weekend. I'm not seeing anyone now but when I did have a boyfriend, our favorite places to go were the movies and out to dinner. Sometimes we went to the beach. Only once we went to an

amusement park: Universal Studios. We were together for twenty-nine days and then we broke-up; so no, I don't think it was forever.

What's my outlook on the future.

The year 2018 will make twenty years since I graduated from high school. I think I will probably be still living here in Sarasota. I will be quite comfortable with my living situation, meaning that I will be married to Paul Smith. We will have one child: Linda Treasa Smith, who at that point will be three-years-old and a little devil. Paul is a sweet guy; he will do anything for anyone. He is six feet tall and built well. He has baby blue eyes and blond hair. We will have been together for five years and will be happy together--this is forever.

Conclusion

As I said in the beginning, I was born here in Florida and I've lived here my whole life. I would like to see more of the USA but unfortunatly, I don't have any money to leave Florida to go anywhere right now. I hope you have enjoyed reading my life story as much as I have enjoyed writing it for you. Try to get as much as you can out of school; you're only there for twelve years and when you graduate, you're home free. Here's a tip for you to live or try to live by: If you think it, it can be done.



