

Writing an Autobiography

Explicit instruction is an ideal strategy to encourage students to independently write their autobiographies. Annie Lessard, a teacher at Centre Jules-Léger (CJL), suggests the following steps:

READ

Have students read examples of writing from other students and popular authors, based on their age and interest levels .

Step 1



IDENTIFY

Identify the main parts of the text
e.g.:

- i. Catchy title
- ii. Introduction
- iii. Body paragraphs
- iv. Conclusion

Step 2

DEVELOP

Develop a text using the following writing process:

- i. Understand the assignment
- ii. Create an outline
- iii. Write rough draft
- iv. Revise and edit
- v. Produce a final copy
- vi. Check overall presentation (punctuation, citations, formating, etc.)

Step 3



SHARE

Encourage students to share their autobiographies. This can be very rewarding.

Step 4

