

Outline for Creating First Person Impressions

This is an outline that I use to help me develop impressions. It helps because you can break down the character's life into different parts. Once broken down, it becomes easier to fill in the details. The outline should be completed before using the biographical form.

Bruce Winders

AGE: Birth to 10 years old. [18__ to 18__]

Where were you born?
Where did you live?
From where were your parents?
How large was your family?
What did your father do for a living?
Did your family move during this period?
What major events occurred in the U.S. during this period?
How did these events affect you and your family?
What education did you receive at this time?
Did anything important happen to you during this period?

AGE: 10 to 20 years old. [18__ to 18__]

Did your family move during this period?
What major events occurred in the U.S. during this period?
How did these events affect you and your family?
What education did you receive at this time?
Did anything important happen to you during this period?
Have you had any deaths in your family?
Where did you live during this time?
Did you still live with your family?
Were you employed at this time; if so, what did you do?

AGE: 20 to 30 years old. [18__ to 18__]

What was your occupation?
Where did you live?
Did you marry?
If so, who did you marry?
What was his or her background and occupation?
What major events occurred in the U.S. during this period?
How did these events affect you and your family?
Did anything important happen to you during this period?

AGE: 30 to 40 years old. [18__ to 18__]

What major events occurred in the U.S. during this period?
How did these events affect you and your family?
Did anything important happen to you during this period?

CONTINUE UNTIL YOU REACH YOUR PRESENT AGE.