

Write Your Life Story

Fun Facts, Interesting Incidents, and Humorous Anecdotes

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The themes and stories you've written focus on the most life-defining moments in your life. These themes and stories will present where you've been, what you've done, and what you've learned. But there are other experiences and events that you want to remember and share because they are interesting or funny—the time you scored the final basket in the last game of the season to win the regional trophy; the time you went on a cruise and your luggage got left behind; the time the power went out for three days and your children made up stories with shadow puppets in the candlelight.

These Fun Facts, Interesting Incidents, and Humorous Anecdotes can be an additional chapter in your life story book. They could also be distributed between your themes and stories.

Find Fun Facts, Interesting Incidents, and Humorous Anecdotes

The worksheet you created for Historical Influences is a good resource for finding this information. Review the worksheet and jot down items you want to include in the chapter for facts, incidents, and anecdotes on a sheet of paper. Continue your list by considering the following:

Surprising behaviors of parents, siblings, children, and other relatives:

the time your father should have been angry, but couldn't stop laughing when he saw the family dog with the Thanksgiving turkey in its mouth; the time your calm, quiet mother shouted "Go, Maddie, Go!" louder and longer than anyone in the stands at the national track event! The time you and your daredevil brother got stuck at the top of a Ferris Wheel and you were the calm one and he was the scared one for a change.

Embarrassing Moments: Those times when you wanted to disappear but can now laugh about.

Work: Awards, Promotions, the day when everything initially went wrong, but still came out right.

Special Events at School: plays, field trips, award assemblies, music performances, field days, talent shows.

Hobbies and Interests: special moments with mentors or friends that were involved in your hobby; Aha! Moments when you finally understood or mastered a skill; frustrating moments when you thought you would never master a skill, but then did; funny, surprising, or unexpected moments; achievements; awards.

Family Vacations and Celebrations

Fun Facts, Interesting Incidents, and Humorous Anecdotes about your Spouse and Kids

Create Categories for items on your list of Fun Facts, Interesting Incidents, and Humorous Anecdotes such as:

Achievements Awards Adults (teachers, parents, coaches, etc.) at their

Best Adults (teachers, parents, coaches, etc.) at their Most Hilarious

My Kids at their Best My Kids at their Most Hilarious

Comical Firsts: First Car, First Date, First Day on the Job, etc.

Embarrassing Moments Aha! Moments Things I never told my parents...

The three best days of my life... The three worst days of my life...

Try not to create more than five to ten categories. When you've placed all your items under category headings, select the five most important categories and briefly discuss each item in the category. Entries for some items can be as short as a sentence: I won the Most Valuable Player Award in my senior year of high school. Others might be represented by a short list. Under the category Things I Never Told My Parents you might list: the time I dropped water balloons from the second story balcony of our apartment, the time I skipped school to go to a dance audition, the time I failed history and faked the report card. Others might require a few paragraphs or a page.

The goal is to create a list of facts and anecdotes that allows you to flesh out your life story but isn't so overwhelming you don't finish the project.

Below name your categories and list the fun facts, interesting incidents, and humorous anecdotes you want to include in a chapter of your life story:

Category One _____

Category Two _____

Category Three _____

Category Four _____

Category Five _____
