

⚡ PREPARE

CONCEPT Person, life, and legacy are three elements of a biography (and autobiography). In biographies, authors often choose to include a timeline to provide a visual record of important events and dates in the person's life. Readers can also create timelines. Mapping important events and dates can help readers to understand a person's life.

VOCABULARY autobiography, biography, legacy, life, person, timeline

MATERIALS lesson reproducibles

⚡ INSTRUCT

ANCHOR CHART [Display Reproducible page 1]

- Introduce the **Concept** of this lesson. (See above.)
- Review the terms **biography, autobiography, and timeline** on the **Anchor Chart**.
- Direct students to the Elements of Biography instructional image, and guide students through the definitions of **person, legacy, and life**.
- Read and discuss the *So, what's in it for me?* section with students. (Optional: Review this section when the lesson is complete to reinforce the skill.)

⚡ PRACTICE

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- Read the directions with students.
- Provide a background on Pelé: *Pelé was a football player born in 1940 in Brazil. He was drafted onto the Brazilian national football team and led Brazil to victory in the 1958 World Cup. He retired in 1977 and is considered by many the best football player in the history of the game.*
- Display and read the biography about Pelé. Then, work with students to record one event that represents each part of the graphic organiser (person, life, and legacy).
- Prompt students: *Does this event tell us about the qualities of Pelé the person? Is it an event that took place in their life? Does this represent part of the legacy he left behind?*

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- Read the directions with students and review the purpose of a timeline.
- Support as needed.
- Prompt students: *Timelines provide a visual record of important events that relate to a person, their life, and their legacy.*

ANSWER KEY FOR TEACHER REFERENCE

[Blank student copies are found on Reproducible pages 2 & 3.]

[Reproducible page 2]

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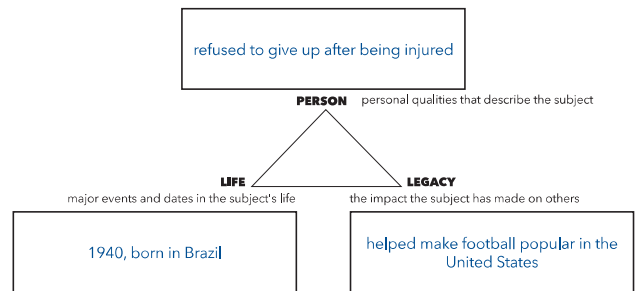
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Pelé had played football for Brazil for almost 20 years. He announced that he was retiring. But Pelé was not ready to leave football behind. In 1975, he joined the New York Cosmos. Pelé helped make football popular across the United States. Then, he officially retired from football in 1977. By the end of his professional career, Pelé had scored over 1,000 goals!

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The sports world also honoured Pelé. He was named Athlete of the Century in two countries. Then, in 1993, Pelé entered the U.S. National Football Hall of Fame. Pelé remains the best football player in the history of the game.

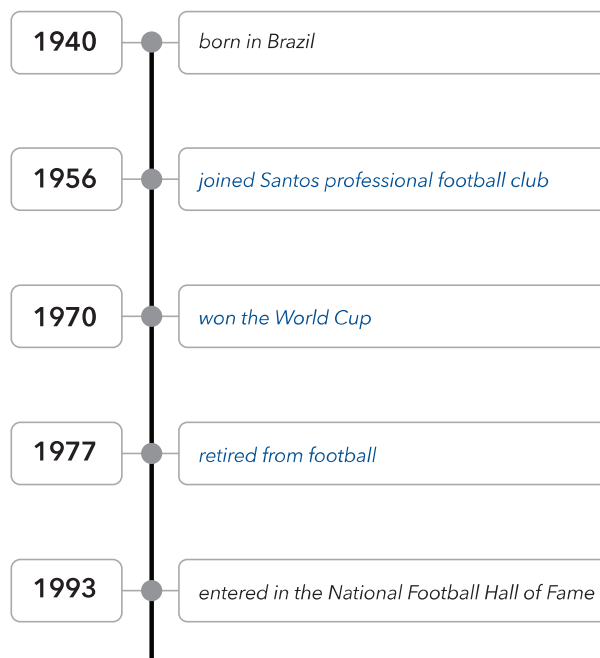
Elements of Biography and Autobiography



*Answers may vary

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Timeline of Important Events in Pelé's Life



ANCHOR CHART

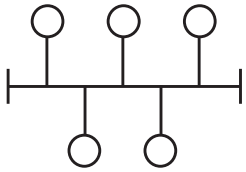
Biography



A **biography** is a true story of a person's life written by another person.

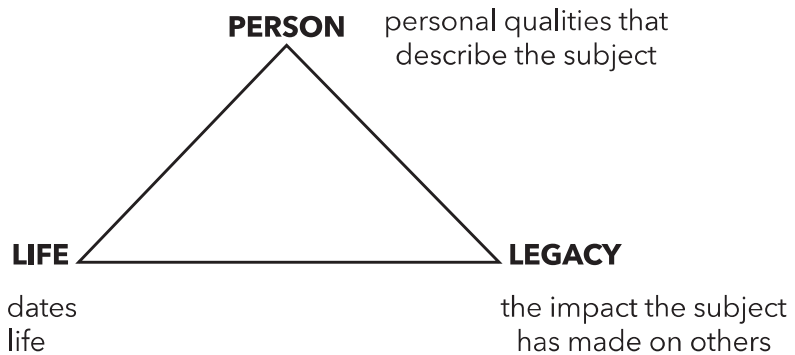


An **autobiography** is a true story that a person writes about his or her own life.



A **timeline** is a list of events along a line that shows when the events happen.

Elements of Biography



So, let's say you're the type of person who likes facts and information. A biography is just the book for you!

Or say you're the type of person who prefers tales of action and adventure. A biography is just the book for you, too!

Maybe you're the type of person who loves fame, fashion, and fortune. You guessed it, biographies are for you, too!

There are just about as many different biographies as there are people in the world. Read one and find out who made a difference by being different.

⚡ PRACTICE

Read the story about Pelé. Then, write one event from the story for each of the elements of biography in the boxes on the biography triangle.

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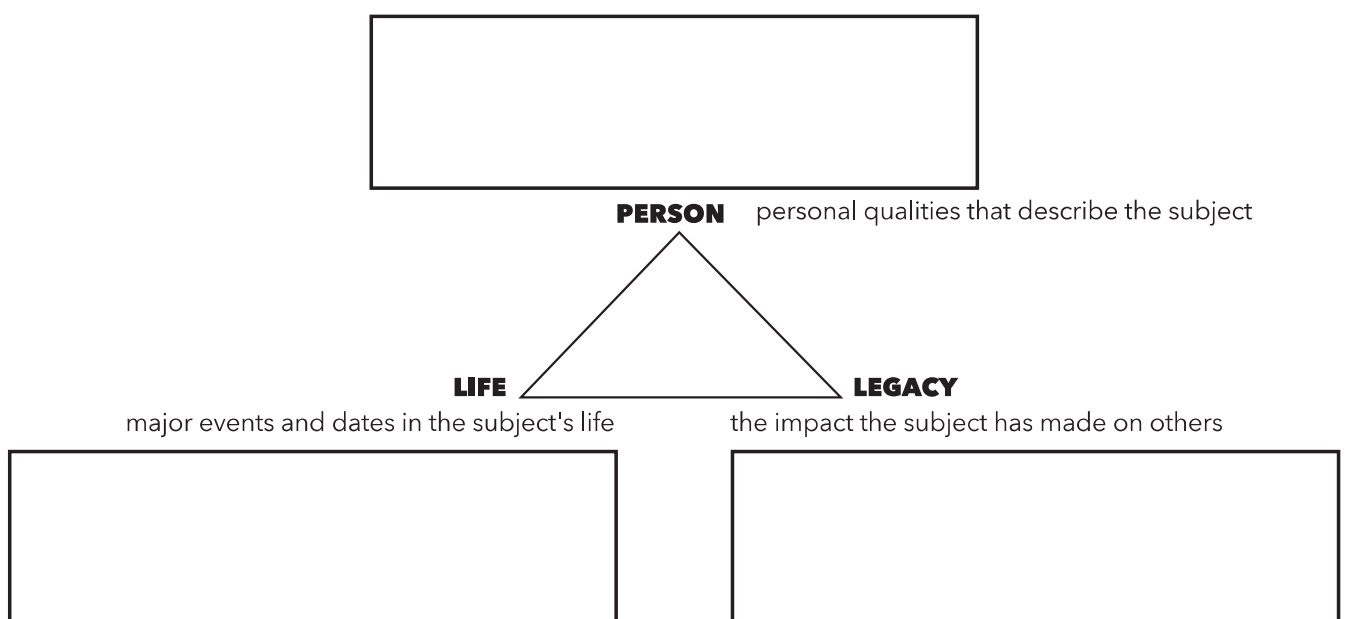
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Elements of Biography: Pelé



⚡ PRACTICE (CONTINUED)

Review the timeline. Then, use the events in the box to fill in the blanks.

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Timeline of Important Events in Pelé's Life

