

Purpose: To biographical information
Audience: Book readers
Length: 1 paragraph

6th grade Language Arts
Picture Book Assessment – Task 1 (Expository)
“About the Author” – Writing Prompt

At the conclusion of every book, there is usually a small paragraph or two about the author. In this “blurb” you catch a glimpse into the life of the author. You may learn their hobbies, educational background, or family history. It is helpful to learn this information because it can be essential to understanding how their personal lives directly relate to the story within the pages.

For this 20-point assignment, you are going to be composing an “About the Author” paragraph or “blurb” about yourself. This paragraph will be the first component to your Picture Book Assessment. Yes, it is all about **YOU** and the information is biographical and factual.

FINAL DRAFT DUE:

In order to complete this task successfully, your paragraph must include the following:

- Paragraph must be written in the third-person point of view. (No, *I*'s or *me*'s or *we*'s)
- Paragraph must include the following information:
 - **FIRST** and **LAST** name,
 - Birthday (month, date, year)
 - Place of birth (city and state)
 - Present information (What is going on in your life today 2010?)
 - Interests, enjoyments, or hobbies
 - Future plans (Who or What do you want to be when you grow up?)
 - Personal quote, belief, or statement
- Paragraph must follow all 6th grade writing expectations.
- Final drafts must be **printed** and then **saved** into network folder or H: drive.
- Work that does not meet these criteria will not be accepted for full credit.

Example Paragraph

**Name;
Birthday**

About the Author

**3rd-Person
Point of View;
Place of Birth**

**Present
Information
Hobbies, etc**

Future Plans

Personal Quote

Kelli Nelson was born on December 21, 1975. She was born at Skokie Valley Hospital in Skokie, Illinois to Nancy and Jeff Rander. In July of 2006, Kelli married Michael Nelson of Plano, Texas. Currently, Kelli lives with her husband and new puppy, Santana, in Chicago, IL. In addition, she teaches sixth-grade language and literature at Lisle Junior High School. Kelli enjoys crafting, cooking, spending time with friends and family, reading, shopping, traveling, and watching sports. When Kelli is not “molding the minds of her youth,” you can find her in an apron trying to perfect a new dish. In the future, Kelli would like to go to culinary school and open a small event planning and catering company. Do not worry! She does not want to leave teaching; she just hopes to cook and party plan in her summers and time off. Kelli’s quote to live by, “Just because you can, does not mean you always should.”