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Visual Autobiography Assignment

**Paragraph Planner**

**Topic:** My Past

My paragraph may include:
- The story of my birth (when and where I was born, any interesting facts)
- Information about my parents, siblings, pets, family, guardians
- Information about past grades and my early years in school
- Fun anecdotes from my past

**Topic Sentence:** *(Introduce yourself with a “hook” that gets your reader interested)*

**Main Idea One:** *(See main ideas list above for some examples)*

**Explanation/Expansion:** *(Give some commentary on your main idea)*

**Main Idea Two:** *(See main ideas list above for some examples)*

**Explanation/Expansion:** *(Give some commentary on your main idea)*

**Conclusion/Transition:** *(Wrap it up and get us ready for the next paragraph)*
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**Paragraph Planner**

**Topic:** My Present

**My paragraph may include:**
- My likes and dislikes
- Current information about my school/ favourite subjects
- Information about my friends and hobbies
- Fun anecdotes from my present

**Topic Sentence:** (Introduce your present with a “hook”)

**Main Idea One:** (See main ideas list above for some examples)

**Explanation/ Expansion:** (Give some commentary on your main idea)

**Main Idea Two:** (See main ideas list above for some examples)

**Explanation/ Expansion:** (Give some commentary on your main idea)

**Conclusion/ Transition** (Wrap it up and get us ready for the next paragraph)
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**Paragraph Planner**

**Topic:** My Future

**My paragraph may include:**
- My hopes for future jobs/ university/ trades
- My hopes for future living locations/ homes/ lifestyle
- How I plan to change the world

**Topic Sentence:** (Introduce your paragraph with a “hook” that gets your reader interested)

**Main Idea One:** (See main ideas list above for some examples)

**Explanation/ Expansion:** (Give some commentary on your main idea)

**Main Idea Two:** (See main ideas list above for some examples)

**Explanation/ Expansion:** (Give some commentary on your main idea)

**Conclusion/ Transition** (Wrap it up and leave your reader with something to think about)
The day before the Christmas of 1989 was a snowy one, with a light dusting of snow quickly turning into a heavy blizzard that blanketed the suburban lawns of Keswick, Ontario with soft white powder, while simultaneously turning the roads into icy sheets that needed a sleigh and a team of reindeer to traverse. My parents had been preparing for the holiday celebration they were hosting for their family that evening, thinking that this would be the last celebration before my anticipated birth in late January. My mother going into labour as the party guests arrived was therefore unexpected, as was my birth a day and a half later, at 11:59am on December 26th. I was a small baby who grew into a gangly child, with a collection of strong likes and dislikes. I remember distinctly how much I loved my neighbour’s husky, creatively named “Husk”. I remember just as distinctly how much I hated two things: “Polkaroo”, a television character whom I was convinced lived in my closet, and speaking in class. Throughout my school years, my biggest fear was being called to share and present during a lesson. I never expected that my future career would involve presenting in front of roomfuls of students everyday!