

Autobiography: *Symbolic Portrait*

Instructions: A portrait is a likeness of a person—especially one showing the face—that can be either naturalistic (realistic) or abstract (figurative). The portrait of your significant person should include symbols of what this person means to you and the ways they have impacted you emotionally, mentally, inspirationally, positively and/or negatively.

Task: To prepare for drawing your symbolic portrait, respond to the following prompts, being specific and detailed. You may use the back of this sheet, and attach this document into your autobiography notebook for future reference.

Prompts:

1. Who had a significant impact on you during your past?
2. Was her/his impact on you positive, negative, both? Why?
3. How did they impact you: emotionally, mentally, physically, inspirationally? Describe in detail.
4. What are their most memorable physical characteristics?
5. What are their most memorable personality traits?
6. What was their attitude, how did they view the world?
7. What objects represent them?
8. What objects represent your relationship to this person?

- a. A role model is
- b. Make a list of people you look up to (Rank them: 1 = person you look up to the most).
- c. Pick your top 3 role models, and fill out the following.
- Role Model 1:
 - I look up to _____ because s/he
 - Role Model 2:
 - I look up to _____ because s/he
 - Role Model 3:
 - I look up to _____ because s/he
- d. Choose one person from the three, and write about him/her. You may use the following prompts to guide you...

Prompts for “My Role Model”

- 1) Who was my greatest role model?
- 2) What makes him/her a role model?