

## **Classmate Biography (Full-life!)**

Directions: You are playing the role of a biographer. A biographer is someone who writes a biography about a person of interest. In this case, the person of interest is one of your classmates. You can use the interview questions included on the second page to find out information about your classmate so you can write their biography.

Here's the catch – You'll be writing this biography as if your classmate has already lived most of his or her life. In this way, you'll not only include current biographical information from your classmate, but based on their answers to the interview questions, you'll be making up the events that occur in your classmate's life in the future. It's your job to extract information from the interview questions and weave a story about your classmate. Use the information to make your classmate's life as exciting and important as possible without going "overboard" or making it too unrealistic. When you conduct your interview, make sure your classmate elaborates and gives you enough information. As you are writing, you may need to follow-up with your classmate. Your biography should be between one and two pages in length with five paragraphs. An example biography is included.

Interview Questions:

1. (P1) When and where were you born?
2. (P1) Who are your parents and siblings? Describe your parents' jobs.
3. (P2) Describe yourself as a child. What sports or instruments did you play? What were you interested in? What made you different from other kids?
4. (P2) Where did you go to school? What kind of student were you? Did you like school? Did any teachers influence you?
5. (P3) Where did you go to college? What did you major in? What did you "figure out" while in college? What did you set out to do with your life?
6. (P3) Where do you work or study after college? What important work did you do?

7. (P4) When did you make your greatest discovery or conduct your most important work? Elaborate. How did it change the world?
8. (P4) What awards or personal accolades did you win?
9. (P5) What are you doing now (considering “now” is some date far in the future)? If you have a family, you can describe here. How will you be remembered?

Troy Rogers was born on August 14, 2005, in Raleigh, North Carolina. He has an older brother named Edgar and a younger sister named Natalina. His father was an astrophysicist and his mother was an award-winning neurologist who traveled the world lecturing about advancements in her field.

Troy was an inquisitive and social boy. From a young age he played rugby and dodgeball and was said to be a virtuoso as a bassoon player. He loved to read the biographies of United States presidents and was keenly interested in Canadian geopolitics and the wonders of sand. As a youngster, he attended White Oaks Elementary School and Lake Braddock Secondary School. Troy loved his literature classes, where he became passionate about ancient poetry from his English teacher, Ms. Rowling.

In 2023, Troy enrolled at the University of Virginia and majored in ancient texts. Troy amazed his professors with his uncanny ability to translate hieroglyphics and soon became one of the world's foremost experts on the subject. Before long, Troy became convinced that rare scrolls full of ancient Egyptian hieroglyphic-based poetry were lost somewhere beneath the Sphinx. He knew his mission in life was to find the scrolls and to translate them into English.

Following college, Troy and several of his college professors organized an expedition to Egypt to discover the lost treasure. Troy helped convince the Egyptian government to allow excavation under the sacred site and he and his team began the arduous and brutal task of digging in the burning heat. For weeks, he and his team battled the blazing sun, desert scorpions, false leads, and constant frustration, before finally, they found their prize deep under the Sphinx's right paw. It was every bit as beautiful as Troy had imagined. Over a period of the next few months, Troy meticulously documented and translated the texts until he had deciphered what was the history of a lost generation of Egyptian people, previously unknown to historians. It was one of the greatest discoveries of all-time. Who knew that things like Rubik's cubes and rotisserie chicken were known far before we thought we had invented them? Troy was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in 2030.

Following his earthshattering discovery, Troy, like his mother, traveled the world excavating new treasures, deciphering complicated ancient symbols, and teaching his methods to new generations of treasure hunters and anthropologists. Today, he lives in relative anonymity in New Guinea with his wife and two sons, Will and Gabriel.