## **Biography Observation Tool**

Child's Name:	

	Yes, date observed and notes	Not Yet, notes and next steps		
Structure				
Orientation: introduces the subject of the biography and the significance the author wants to communicate				
Record of Events: events are in sequence and relate to the person's significance				
Conclusion: communicates the significance of the subject of the biography				
Title: is informative (previews the topic) and enticing (draws the reader in)				

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Language				
Adverbial Phrases of Time: introduces new events with phrases that indicate when they happened (rather than using "First," "Then," "Next," etc.)				
Verbs: uses verbs related to the topic; uses past tense verbs to retell events and ends with present tense verbs				
Conventions: List 1-2 areas of instruction that would most greatly improve the child's ability to communicate with an audience, for example: encoding sounds, writing high-frequency words, putting spaces between words.				

