

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 trait the author wants to communicate; provides background information		
Record of Events: events are in sequence and relate to the identified trait; there are sufficient events		
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		
Verbs: uses verbs related to the topic; begins and ends with present tense verbs and uses past tense verbs to retell events		
Adjectives: words and prepositional phrases are used to describe the nouns; adjectives are packed into sentences (e.g. "The great soccer player Pelé..." rather than "Pelé was a great soccer player.")		
Adverbial Phrases of Time: introduces new events with phrases that indicate when they happened (rather than using "First," "Then," "Next," etc.)		

Suggestions for Week 8 revisions, based on observations