Biography Writing Prompts: Question Starters for Life Stories

Original task 1 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 1

Write three early-life question starters for a biography about a grandparent. Each question must begin with how, what, or why.

Keep the original task measurements. Use the full drawing sheet in this PDF for a response needing more room; use the stated paper size when a task specifies larger paper.

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Original task 2 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 2

A person achieved a goal in 2018 and faced a challenge in 2020. Draw a timeline sketch with two marks labeled 2018 and 2020. Write one short event name under each mark.

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Original task 3 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 3

Rewrite this yes-or-no question as an open question: Did you like your first job?

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Original task 4 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 4

You have notes for three life stages. Write a three-sentence draft plan: one topic sentence for early life, one for achievements, and one for challenges.

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Full drawing sheet / reusable blank workspace

Reusable full drawing sheet for Tasks 1 to 4. Print another copy when needed. Keep all original task measurements; if a task specifies larger paper, use that paper size.