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CLASS IX
BIO - SKETCH
WORKSHEET

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A bio-sketch means biographical sketches in which a person's physical appearance, age, habits, qualities, etc., are mentioned. A bio-sketch can be constructed with the help of clues. A biographical sketch is always written by someone else other than the person on whom it is written. Most bio-sketches are interpretive; they not only present the facts but also tell what those facts mean.

- Title should be given to the Bio-sketch
- Important facts about the person's life should be highlighted.
- Accurate expression, fluency and accuracy should be maintained.
- Give introduction of the person whose bio-sketch is written
- Name, why he or she is famous.
- Write short paragraphs about the stages of his/her life in chronological sequence.
- Use phrases and appropriate connectors and pronouns to link ideas.
- Be consistent in the tense that you use.
- Use proper punctuation marks.

SAMPLE

Use the notes in the following box to write a bio-sketch of about 80 words.

Rabindranath Tagore

- Birth : in 1861, wealthy family of Kolkata
- Education : no formal education – left free to pursue his literary activities – interest in literary creation shown even in childhood
- Achievements : Nobel Prize for literature (Gitanjali) in 1913 – first man from the East to win the prize
- Interests : Versatile genius – painted, acted, composed music- keen and active interest in the freedom struggle

Rabindranath Tagore

Rabindranath Tagore is one of the greatest writers of modern India. He was born in 1861 in a wealthy family of Kolkata in Bengal, but received no formal education and was left free to pursue his literary activities. He showed interest in literary creation even in his early childhood. He was the first man from the Eastern side of the world to win the Nobel Prize for literature, particularly ' Gitanjali ' his masterpiece. Tagore was a versatile genius. He painted, acted and composed music. He also took active interest in the freedom movement.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. With the help of the given clues, complete the bio-sketch of a German Socialist, Karl Marx. in 80 words

Karl Marx	
• D.O.B	: 15 May,1818, Treves in Province of Rhineland.
• Family	: upper middle class Jewish
• Studied	: in universities of Bonn and Berlin
• 1841	: Doctorate degree from Jena University
• 1850	: left Germany, went to London
• 1867	: published first volume of ‘Das Capital ’ – got world wide popularity
• Other works	: ‘The Holy Family’, ‘The German Ideology ‘, ‘Communist Manifesto ‘ ‘The Philosophy of Poverty’
• Died	: 18 March. 1883

2. Given below is a profile of Gary Sobers, the great West Indies cricketer, who is considered to be the greatest all rounder of all times. Use the information to write his bio-sketch. (80 words)

GARY SOBERS	
• Birth	: Barbados, West Indies, 1936
• Schooling	: Bay Street School, Barbados
• Cricket Career	: 1952 – played for Barbados 1953 – first test appearance 1957 - hit 365; not out against Pakistan Played 93 test matches, 39 times as captain Test cricket score 8000 runs including 26 centuries Wickets taken 235 Part of West Indies team from 1953-1974
• Honours	: Knighted in 1975, considered the greatest cricketing hero in West Indies
• Other achievements	: published several books on cricket

3. With the help of the given clues, complete the bio-sketch of Max Mueller in not more than 80 words.

Max Mueller	
Max Mueller-born in Germany December 6,1823- learnt Classical languages- Greek, Latin, Arabic, Persian and Sanskrit-became British citizen-admired Indian culture and literature-translated –many Sanskrit texts	

Max Mueller was born in _____. He displayed _____ and learnt Greek and Latin, as well as Arabic, Persian and Sanskrit. He was a great _____ literature and was responsible for the _____ texts.