



PERSONAL LIFE HISTORY

Advanced ESL

Students type or write three autobiographical paragraphs about their life goals and edit their own work.

Lesson objectives:

- Write a three-paragraph essay about yourself and your life goals
- Edit your own essay

Warm up

- Before class: write the lesson objectives on the board.
- Remind Ss that an essay is usually three paragraphs or longer.

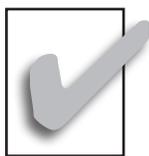
Presentation

- Tell Ss they are going to write three-paragraph essays about their lives. Each paragraph should be 4—5 sentences.
- Tell Ss the first paragraph will be about where they grew up. The second paragraph will be about their life in the United States. The third paragraph will be about where they plan to be in five years.
- Write Goals on the board and elicit examples of life goals Ss could write about in the third paragraph such as *career*, *educational*, *financial* or *family*. Write Ss' answers on the board. Write the prompts *In five years I plan to... I hope to...* Give examples using the prompts to ensure Ss understand the purpose of the third paragraph (e.g. *In five years I plan to have finished college. I hope to have a job in computer engineering.*)

- Give each S a copy of the Activity Worksheet. If your school has a computer lab, Ss can use the Activity Worksheet to brainstorm notes before they type their essays. Model for Ss how to use the word processing program.
- If your school does not have a computer lab, Ss can write their essay by hand on the Activity Worksheet.
- Ss type or write essays. Walk around the room and help Ss as needed.
- After Ss have written their essays, ask Ss to edit their own work.
- Ask Ss what they should look for when editing. Elicit answers such as: *complete sentences*, *correct spelling*, *correct punctuation*, *correct tense* and *logical flow*. Write the Ss' suggestions on the board.
- After Ss finish editing their own essays, ask them to correct their essays for homework. Ss can type or rewrite the essays.

Evaluation

- Ss add the typed essay or completed Activity Worksheet 1F to their Career Portfolio.



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Name _____

All About Me

I grew up in _____

My life in the United States is _____

In five years, I plan to _____
