

Literary Analysis

BIOGRAPHY

A **biography** is the true account of a person's life, written by another person. All biographies share the following characteristics.

- They are written from the **third-person point of view**.
- They explain how events and experiences shaped a person's life.
- They include quotations from people who knew the person.
- They draw their information from a variety of sources.

Directions: In the chart, record examples of each element of a biography from *Matthew Henson at the Top of the World*. An example has been done for you.

Characteristic	Example
Third-person point of view	"At first things went well for the Henson family, but then Matthew's mother died and his father found himself unable to care for Matthew."
How events, people, and experiences shaped the person's life	
Quotations from people who knew the person	
Variety of Sources	