Biography Rubric							
Points scored	Ideas & Content Lively, interesting, & memorable writing keeps the reader's attention. Ideas are supported by details	Organization Introduction is interesting. Ideas & important details & paragraphs fit where placed. Transitions used effectively between ideas & paragraphs Ending is effective (yo-yo)	J Vuice The reader feels the author's emotions. Writing sounds real & has personality. Sounds like the fairy tale character's personality.	Word Choice Writer uses appropriate descriptive vocabulary	Sentence Fluency The writing <u>flows</u> . Writer uses different beginnings & lengths for sentences	Conventions The writer shows a clear understanding of capitalization, punctuation, spelling & grammar	Word Count
Exceeds the standard	 Writer knows topic really well Included important details for Early Life, Significant Events, Death plus Challenges. Many interesting details that show lesson 20 	•Carefully organized with varied transitions •Hook grabs reader's attention •Conclusion works well, yo-yos back to hook •Details & paragraphs are in right order 20	•Writer's personality comes through in a special way •Writer's voice is lively & confident. Creatively fit the fairytale character's personality. 15	•Has a variety of strong words •Words create vivid pictures in reader's mind – use creative scenes to show character and lesson 15	•Has creative sentences of different kinds & lengths •Sentences flow, making the writing enjoyable to read 10	•Has FEW or NO errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling & grammar •Writing is easy to read 10	600-700 words
Meets the standard	 Early Life, Significant Events, Challenges & Death all included. Writer knows the topic Most details fit lesson & are interesting 17 	•Has some transitions •Most parts of paper fit together. •Most details & paragraphs are in right order 17	• Most of the time the writer's voice & personality show up in the writing. Fit the fairytale character's personality. 12	•Writing has some strong words •Some words create pictures in the reader's mind. Had a couple of scenes to show character/lesson 12	•Sentences are different lengths •Sentences have varied beginnings •Sentences fit together well 8	•Has FEW errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling & grammar •Sounds correct when read aloud 8	500-600 words 8
In Process	•Missing ONE or more of the following: Early Life, Significant Events, Challenges & Death •Writer doesn't know enough about the topic •Needs more details 15	•Few transitions used •Too many details are out of order 14	•Sometimes the writer's voice comes through •Writing does not draw the reader in Did not fit the fairytale character's personality most of the time. 10	 Too many dull, ordinary words Some words just don't fit Had one or no scenes with character or focused too much on original fairy tale 10 	•Sentences are too short or too long •Same beginnings used over and over •Reader is confused & has to re-read for meaning 6	•Too many errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling & grammar make the writing difficult to read, editing needed 6	Less than 500 words
More effort, please	 Missing TWO or more of the following: Early Life, Significant Events, Challenges & Death Many details missing or don't make sense with theme 10 	 Paragraphs and/or transitions missing Too many details are out of order 10 	•Writing is flat •Writer's voice does not come through at all Did not fit the fairytale character's personality. 7	 Words don't show the writer's meaning Reader is confused by the writer's choice of words 	 Not enough complete sentences Writing does not make sense 	•Capitalization, punctuation, spelling & grammar mistakes make the writing impossible to read & understanding. •Major editing needed 4	Less than 450 words 3