Biography Essay Rubric

Name _________________________________________  Period __________

**Introduction Paragraph**
- Includes an interesting hook that grabs the reader’s attention  4  3  2  1
- Tells who the biography is about (yes)  2  (no) 0
- Tells what the person is known for (yes)  2  (no) 0
- Includes a minimum of three sentences (yes)  2  (no) 0

**Paragraph 2**
- Includes date and place of birth  4  3  2  1
- Includes at least three relevant details about the person’s early life  4  3  2  1
- Details are placed in a logical order that are easy to follow  4  3  2  1

**Paragraph 3**
- Person’s accomplishments/contributions are clearly addressed  4  3  2  1
- Includes at least three relevant details about the person’s accomplishments/contributions  4  3  2  1
- Details are placed in a logical order that are easy to follow  4  3  2  1

**Conclusion Paragraph**
- Clearly addresses the person’s impact on others and/or their impact on history  4  3  2  1
- Includes a minimum of three sentences (yes)  2  (no) 0

**Transitions**
- Content flows smoothly from one idea to the next  4  3  2  1

**Word Choice**
- Uses a variety of words to keep the writing interesting; choice and placement of words is accurate and natural  4  3  2  1

**Conventions**
- Contains few, if any, errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation, and capitalization  4  3  2  1

Grade _____/52  ______%