

Biography Toolkit

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A Note For Teachers

Dear Educators,

We're thrilled to release this exclusive biography toolkit to pair alongside your instruction and facilitation of different biographies in the classroom. These activities are intended for any biography for young people. This toolkit is designed to be flexible and adaptable to your teaching needs. The resources are suggested activities and we encourage you to use this to complement your existing resources or lesson plans.

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Please share any feedback on how to improve our support for educators. We hope you enjoy this resource.

Happy reading!

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Timeline: Create a timeline using key dates from the story.

Timeline Title: _____

The form is a horizontal timeline. It features a central arrow pointing to the right, with seven rounded rectangular boxes spaced along its length. Each of these boxes is connected to a larger, empty rounded rectangular box above it and another below it. The word "Date" is printed to the left of the first box above the arrow, and the word "Event" is printed to the left of the first box below the arrow.



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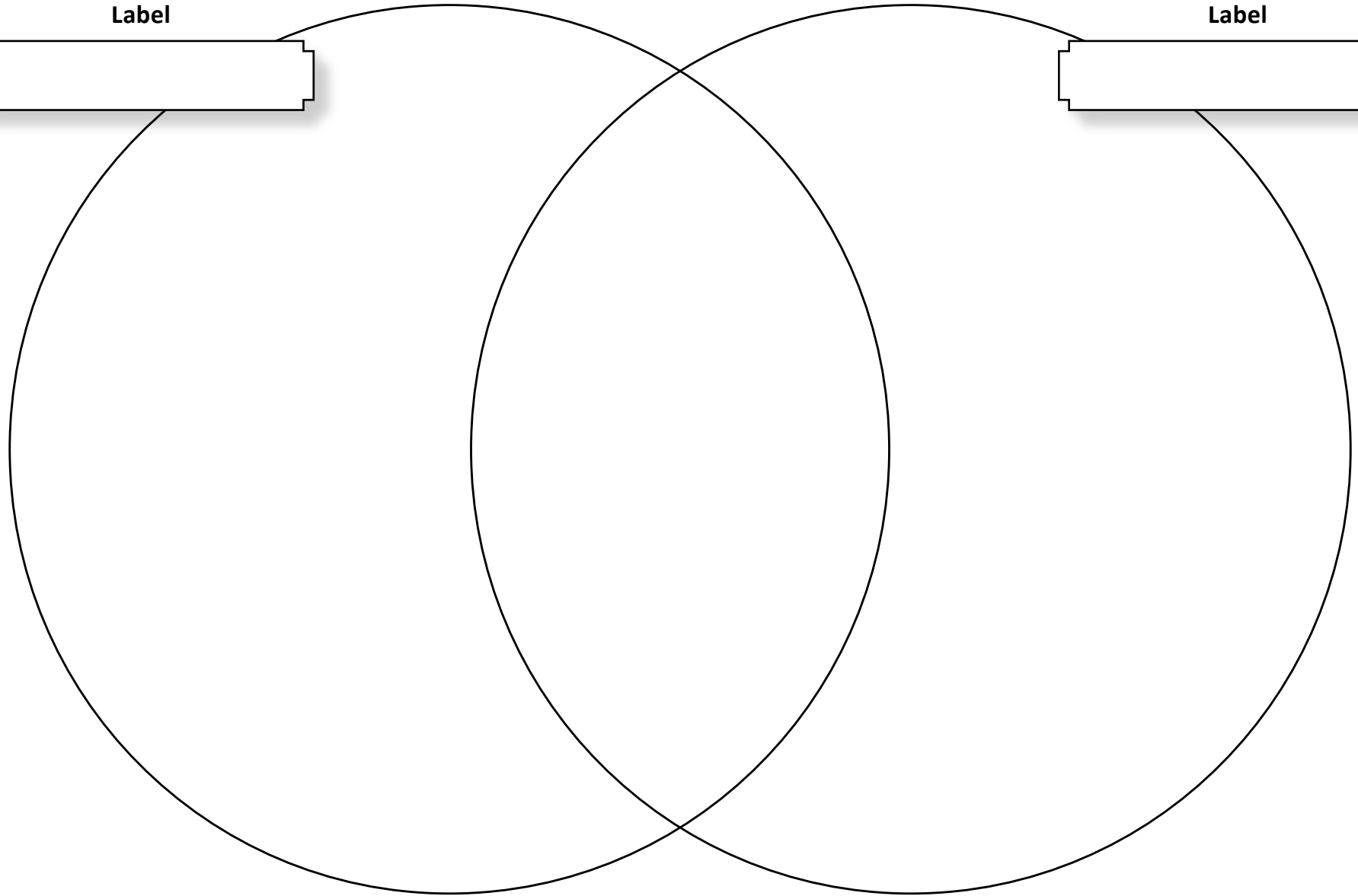
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Venn Diagram Title: _____

Label

Label



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KWL Chart: Before reading, jot down what you already know, what you wonder and then after reading, jot down what you learned from reading this story.

Topic: _____

KNOW What I Think I Know	WONDER What I Wonder	LEARN What I Learned



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Vocabulary dictionary: Write down key words from the story that will help your understanding during reading.

Word	Draw it	Use word in a sentence
: Definition		
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Biography Organizer

Name of Person

[Empty rounded rectangular box for Name of Person]

Date of Birth & Place

Date of Death & Place

[Empty rounded rectangular box divided into two sections for Date of Birth & Place and Date of Death & Place]

**Early
Life**

[Empty large rounded rectangular box for Early Life]

**Interesting
Facts**

[Empty large rounded rectangular box for Interesting Facts]

**Major
Accomplishments**

[Empty large rounded rectangular box for Major Accomplishments]

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Character Traits Organizer: During the reading, jot down what trait(s) you observe from the main character(s). Support it with evidence from the story.

Character	Trait	Evidence



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Author Interview: Draft questions that you would like to ask the author.

An interview with: _____

Questions

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Author Sources: Conduct a resource analysis using the sources listed in the “Author’s Sources” or Bibliography section.

Primary Source:				
Observe: What type of resource is it?				
Reflection: How was this source beneficial to the story?				
Question: What additional questions do you have?				

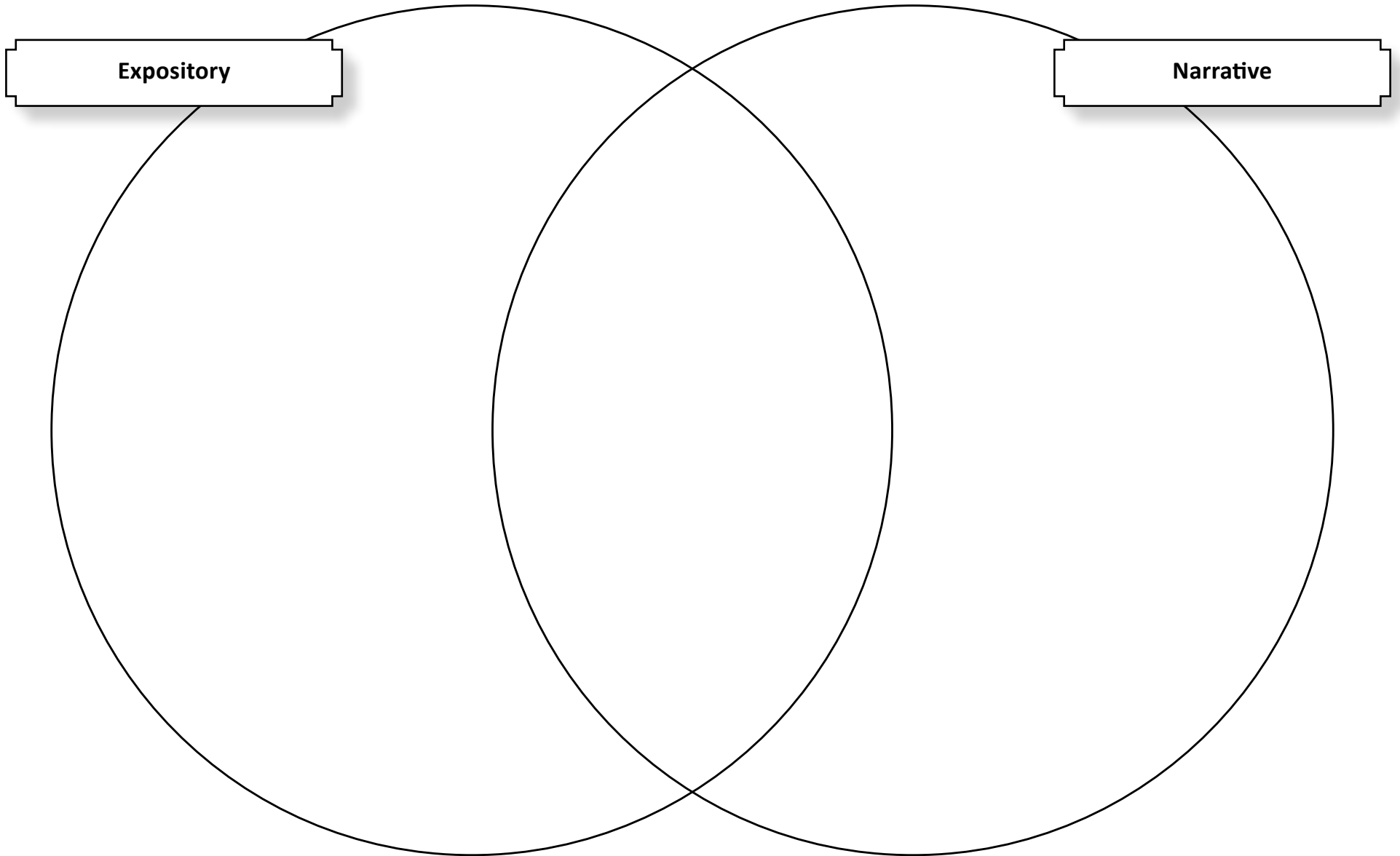
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Text comparison: Analyze the difference and similarities between two texts.

Title 1:

Title 2:

Expository nonfiction vs narrative nonfiction: Compare and contrast the different formats on the same topic.



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Illustrator Study: Visit the illustrator’s website and examine the illustrations from their other works. Are they similar? Different? Jot down your observations from each of their works below.

Title	Observations



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Illustrator Interview: Draft questions that you would like to ask the illustrator.

An interview with _____

Questions

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Author Study: Investigate other titles by the author. What themes do their books have? What topics? What is their message across books?

Title		
Theme	Topic	Message



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Letter Writing: Write a letter to the author describing what you learned from the book.

Dear

Date

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Sincerely,

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Quote unpacking: Reflect on a quote you resonated with the most from the story.

Quote:



A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners, intended for writing a quote.

Reflection or significance of quote:

A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners, intended for writing a reflection or the significance of the quote.

Illustrate Quote:

A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners and a small folded-corner effect at the top right, intended for illustrating the quote.



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Book Review: After reading, write a book review. Share what the book is about, what you learned and your opinion of the book.

Title

Rating



Summary:

Lesson learned:

Your opinion:



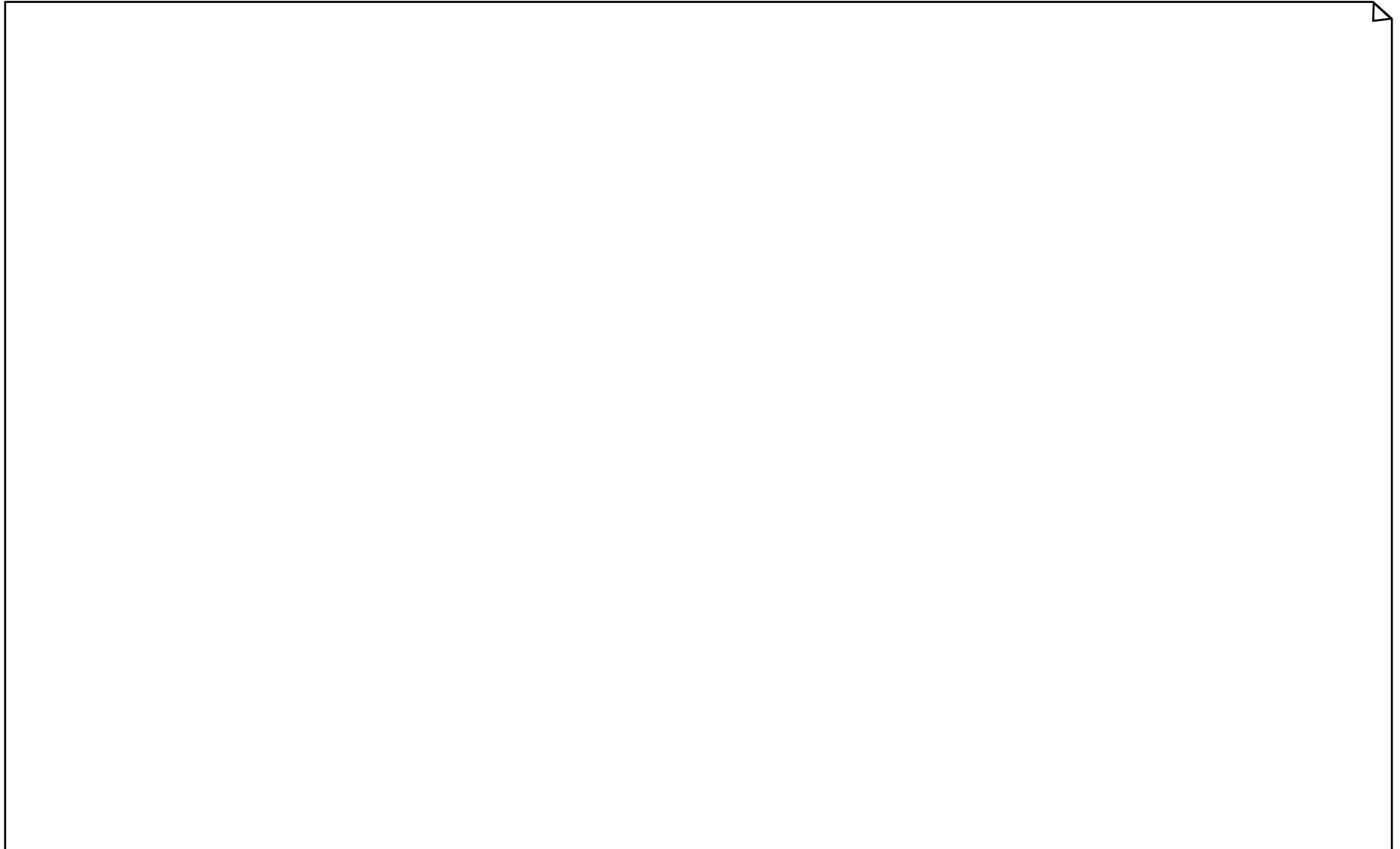
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Draw it: Sketch a meaningful moment in the biography.



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