

Magazine reports: personality profiles/biographical essays (Note: your job is to find a well-written profile. Sometimes a piece of writing may be advertised as a profile but it is just a chronological listing of events. A real profile is an essay with a hook, angle, and theme.)

due dates (**circle one**): #1 Wed 2/10, #2 Wed 3/23, #3 Wed 4/29

Author or editor:

Title of article (always use quotation marks “ ” for magazine article titles):

Magazine title and/or reference source (always underline complete magazine/book name):

Issue, date, and page numbers of magazine:

Full name of subject of profile (= person article is about):

Introduction: Copy exactly the sentences the writer uses to catch your attention. If there is an intro, it **always** starts with the first sentence of the essay: never title or subtitle. If no introduction, write “no special intro.”

Thesis: Copy exactly the one sentence (sometimes several) where the writer stresses the main point about this subject of this profile. In the same sentence the writer may also identify the person’s full name (name = topic. Topic + Angle = Thesis Statement)

Theme: In addition to the main-point thesis, to make sense of a person, the writer usually shows how one or more other ideas or experiences shows up again and again in a life. Find a theme and write below a name for this theme. Then copy the **similar** words or phrases that show the author is weaving this theme. You know it is a theme because it repeats similar key words at essay beginning, middle, and end. These are **NOT** the same key words as in the thesis. These words are **different** from and in addition to key words of the thesis and later thesis support. Show 3-5 theme repeats.

Choose only one by circling the number. Fit your writing onto the front **and back** of this paper.

1. Write a letter to the editor of the magazine where you comment on the profile.
2. Tell what the subject of the interview or profile learned from his or her experiences. Tell how the subject grew or changed from his or her experiences. (The subject is the person the article is about, not the student!)
3. Write a letter to the author.
4. Write a review about the profile or interview, a review that can be published in our ESL newspaper The Seal.
5. Write a letter to the subject of the profile or interview.