

## **Biographical Final Exam Essay**

**100 pts and should be around 5 to 7 pages**

When writing a biographical paper, you write about the life and personality of a person who actually lived. For this assignment you are to write about a personal who has great Personal Mastery. A biographical paper should have the following Characteristics:

- Real-life subject
- Thesis statement that states why this person has great Personal Mastery
- Account of major events in the subject's life
- A description of the subject's key characteristics

This assignment should follow the writing rubric, APA format. You should have a title page, Introduction, discussion (about his/her most important contribution to the nation, state, community or your family), summary, and a Reference page. Chose a person whose life seems especially appealing to you. Once you have decided on a subject, make notes about what you already know about this person.

Gather information once you have reviewed what you know, think about what areas of this person's life you would like to focus on. Then, write down some questions to help you direct your research. Make you to capture you references as you go, and that they are in APA format.

Start drawing some conclusions based on your research, make some decisions about your subject's personality. What did they value most? Is there a connection between your subject's characteristics and personal mastery? Write a thesis statement about their characteristics are connected to personal mastery.

When writing your paper the simplest way to organize a biographical paper is to cover the main events of the subject's live chronologically. Or focus on a few important events in the

person's life, building up to the one that you think is most important. The first section of your paper is the "Introduction" because it introduces your subject. The introduction leads up to the thesis statement, which expresses the idea you will develop in your essay.

Support your thesis with examples and details. Use the information you have gathered to support and develop your idea about your subject. Use an informative, lively tone, to make your paper interesting. At the end write a strong conclusion. Restate your view of the person about whom you are writing.