

## **IDENTIFYING & WRITING ABOUT A MAIN EVENT in a Biography or Autobiography**

### Overview:

Writing a comprehensive biography of a person's life can be overwhelming. In this exercise, ask students to *read about a person* (biography or autobiography), *identify a main event* in that person's life, and *write about the cause and effect* of this event.

To help students formulate their thoughts, ask them to respond to the following prompts, either with short answers or by using a longer essay format, depending on their age and skill level.

### Prompts:

- \* Who are you reading and writing about? When was she born and where did she live? Why was she famous?
- \* What key event (a life-changing moment) in her life are you choosing to write about? State when it happened and describe/explain what happened.
- \* Why do you think this event was life changing for the person you're studying?
- \* What led up to the event (the cause of it)?
- \* What happened after the event (the effect)? How did her actions impact his/her life and the lives of others?
- \* If you had been in that person's position, would you have reacted the same way she did? Do you think that would have led to a different outcome? Explain.

