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Transformations



Year 7 Knowledge Organiser: My Voice

Autobiography: a self-written account of one's own life. It can be a book, a collection of letters, diaries or memoirs

The word comes from the Greek stems:

- "auto" (meaning "self")
- "bio" (meaning "life")
- "graph" (meaning "write")



The word 'Autobiography' was first used in the **18th century**. But, there are examples of writers recording their own life experiences from **ancient civilisations**, including Egypt and Greece. **Why do you think this is?**

Non-fiction: writing that is about real events and facts

Autobiography style features

- ✓ Chronological
- ✓ First person
- ✓ Past tense
- ✓ Description
- ✓ Range of sentences
- ✓ Range of punctuation

Examples of autobiographies:

- The Diary of a Young Girl*, Anne Frank
- Boy & Going Solo*, Roald Dahl
- I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban*, Malala Yousafzai
- My Family and Other Animals*, Gerald Durrell

Types of autobiography

Full autobiography	detailing someone's life from childhood through to old age.
Thematic autobiography	based around a theme and which details universal or life-changing experiences.
Confessional autobiography	revealing deep and personal life experiences.
An account of overcoming adversity	illness, imprisonment, trauma, war or other challenges.

Key vocabulary

memoirs	Personal accounts of historical events and observations.
retrospective	looking back on or dealing with past events or situations
nostalgia	Affection for the past, or a moment in the past
thematic	Linked by a subject or theme
confessional	a person reveals private thoughts or admits to past incidents, especially ones about which they feel ashamed or embarrassed
recount	tell someone about something; give an account of an event or experience.

Argument:

- a reason or set of reasons given in support of an idea
- an exchange of opposite views

- The word 'argument' can suggest a disagreement but a written argument has nothing to do with **conflict**. A written argument should present a clear and well-supported point of view, accompanied by facts and evidence.
- A **balanced argument** can be created by referring to **alternative**, opposing points of view and offering **counter-arguments** against them.



Key vocabulary

conflict	A serious disagreement
Balanced argument	A discussion where you consider both sides of an issue
Alternative	available as another possibility or choice.
Counter argument	An argument that explains why an opposing viewpoint is incorrect or not very convincing
Rationally	Being reasonable and logical
Resolution	a definite decision to do or not to do something

Argument Chains

Example prompts

Opinion	I believe...
Reason	because...
(Counter argument)	<i>Some people say ... however...</i>
Evidence	Research has proved that...
Rhetorical question	How would you feel...?

Persuasive Devices

D	Direct address, description
A	Anecdote
F	Facts, figures
O	Opinion
R	Repetition, Rhetorical Questions
E	Evidence, examples, emotive language, exaggeration
S	Similes, statistics
T	Triplets

Conjunctions

Ordering paragraphs	Expanding ideas
✓ Firstly	✓ Because
✓ Secondly	✓ For example
✓ Most importantly	✓ Similarly
✓ Also	✓ Equally
✓ Another point	✓ Furthermore
✓ Finally	
✓ In conclusion	
Concluding ideas	Counter argument
✓ Therefore	✓ Even though
✓ As a result	✓ Although
✓ Consequently	✓ Alternatively
	✓ In contrast