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**ENGLISH III, QUARTER 4
AN AMERICAN'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY**

An autobiography is a book in which the author tells of his or her own life. Example are: I Had a Hammer By Hank Aaron; I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou, and Cash by Johnny Cash. Check the Internet for titles and the library for books. Read an autobiography by an American that's teacher approved, and in well-formatted essays of at least five paragraphs, answer the following questions. Remember that the reader has no clue about the autobiography, so some summary of the book will help.

Autobiography _____ Author _____

1. Explain why the author wrote the book about his/her life? The author might state why, or you may have to speculate. Whichever, use specifics from the book to make what you say clear. Don't forget to use quotation marks where needed.

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2. Explain the kind of person you feel the author is. – what makes him behave as he/she does, what are his morals, how does he/she behave . . . Again, use specifics from the book to support what you feel. Would you like to meet this person? Why? Why not?

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3. Since an autobiography runs through a period of time in the author's life, explain how the author changes as a person from the beginning to the end of the book. Be sure to consider the stages of life the person goes through or the major events he/she experiences so the reader may tell how the changes are created.

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4. Like fictional characters engage in conflict, the author of an autobiography also engages in conflicts. Select at least two conflicts the author is involved in and explain why the conflicts come into being and how they are resolved.

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5. What lesson about life did you learn from reading the autobiography? Explain what this lesson is and how it is developed in the text.

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