

# **English Writers**

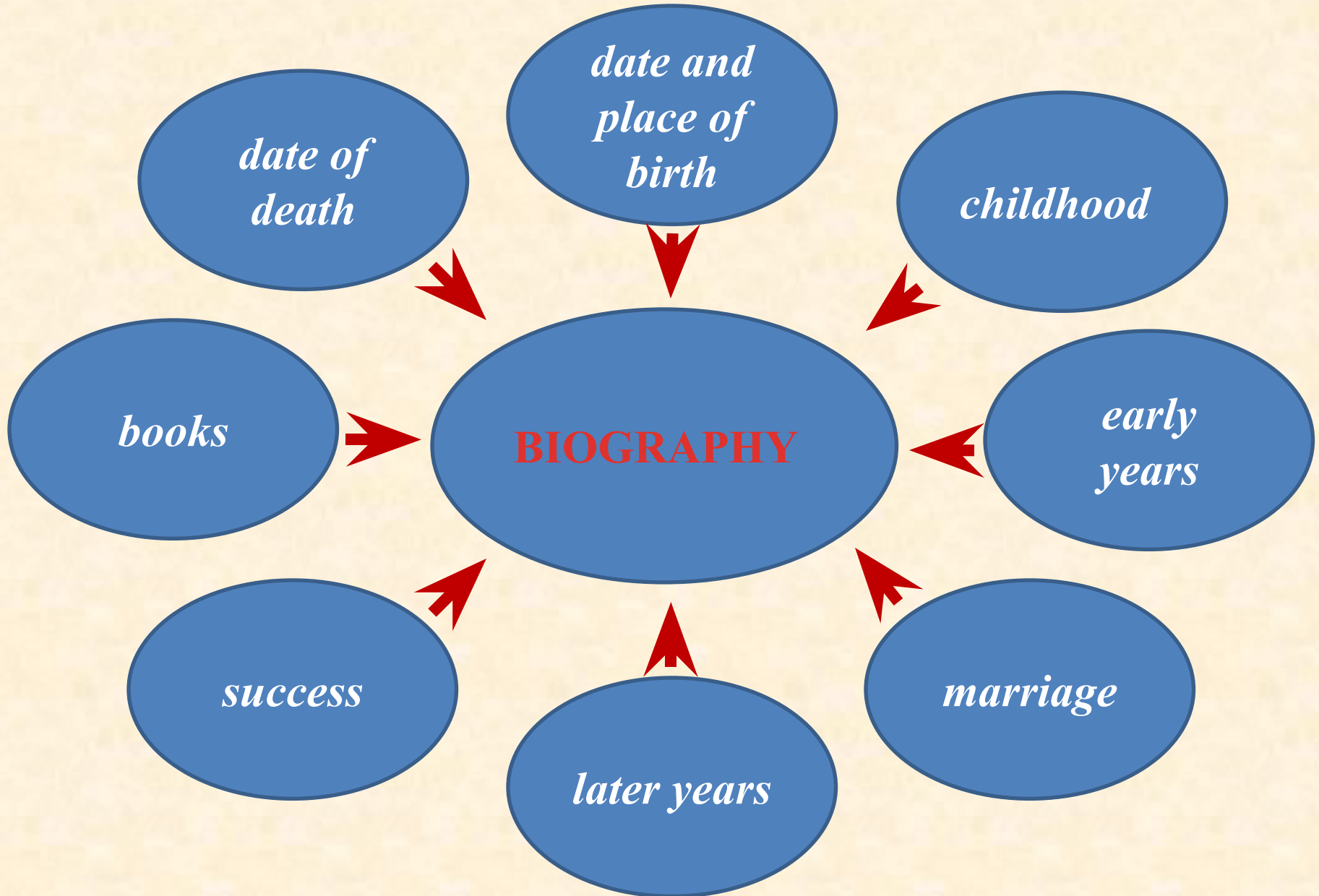
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**(Writing a Biography)**

# What kinds of things would you find in a biography?



## New words

**South Tyneside** - [tainsaid] is in the north-east of England. Tyneside is now established as a lively cultural centre.

**desperate** - доведённый до отчаяния

**to escape** - спастись бегством

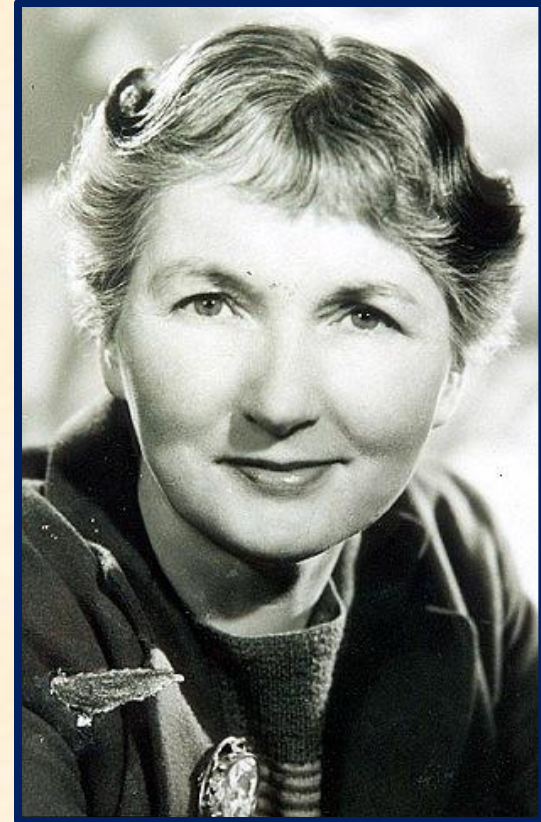
**security** - а) безопасность

б) благополучие, обеспеченность

**laundry** - прачечная

## Put these events into the correct order:

- 1 She lived in South Tyneside.
- 4 She bought a large house.
- 6 She wrote her first novel.
- 2 She lived in Sussex.
- 8 Her books were adapted for television.
- 5 She married a schoolteacher.
- 7 She returned to the North-east.
- 3 She worked in a laundry.



**Which of these sentences from the biography describes purpose and which result?**

**1. In the late 1920s, young Catherine was **so desperate** to escape **that** she moved south to Sussex in search of respectability and security.**

**2. She worked in a laundry and saved as much as she could, **so that** she was finally able to buy a large house.**

**1- result**

**2 - purpose**

# Check your answers:

**so great that - result**

**so popular that - result**

**so that - purpose**

# Combine these pairs of sentences to form one sentence. Remember these patterns:

*so* + adjective (+ infinitive) + *that* (**result**)

*so* + adverb + *that* (**result**)

*so that* + sentence (**purpose**)

1. The people in the area were poor. The children didn't have enough to eat.
2. Catherine wanted to find a better life. Catherine left the North-east.
3. Catherine needed money. Catherine worked in a laundry.
4. Catherine and her husband were always together. Catherine and her husband loved each other very much.



## **Check your answers:**

- 1. The people in the area were so poor that the children didn't have enough to eat.**
- 2. Catherine left the North East so that she could find a better life.**
- 3. Catherine worked in a laundry so that she could have money.**
- 4. Catherine and her husband loved each other so much that they were always together.**

# Fill in the missing words:

<b>Nouns</b>	<b>Adjectives</b>
<b>respectability</b>	<b>respectable</b>
<b>security</b>	<b>secure</b>
<b>poverty</b>	<b>poor</b>
<b>drama</b>	<b>dramatic</b>
<b>despair</b>	<b>desperate</b>
<b>popularity</b>	<b>popular</b>

## Fill in the missing words:

James Hodge<sup>1</sup> was a writer who lived a life<sup>2</sup> as interesting as anything he wrote<sup>3</sup> about in his novels. He was<sup>4</sup> born in the North – west of England<sup>5</sup> into a life of poverty. He later<sup>6</sup> drew on his own childhood experiences for his novels.

- 1812** Charles Dickens born / Portsmouth  
Father / clerk / earned relatively little money
- 1822** Family moved to London / Charles's education interrupted by need to take poorly-paid work in factory / father got into debt and imprisoned / never forgot this terrible time
- 1823** Became solicitor's clerk
- 1824** Became newspaper reporter
- 1825** First short story published / anonymously
- 1826** Began writing under pen name "Boz" / described conditions of poverty in England
- 1836** Married Catherine Hogarth / had 10 children
- 1842** Visited USA / very well-known there
- 1837-65** Some of finest writing published, e.g. *Oliver Twist, A Christmas Carol, David Copperfield, A Tale of Two Cities.*
- 1858** Dickens and wife separated / began to work very hard / eventually became exhausted and ill
- 1870** Died / buried Westminster Abbey.

## **Start each sentence in a different way:**

**Dickens later...**

**In the 1820s, ...**

**Between 1837 and 1865 ...**

**Two years later, ...**

**Dickens, however, ...**

**During his lifetime, ...**

**As his health ...**

**While...,**

**It was in ... that he ...**

**He then...**

**Include some sentences with *so ... that* and *so that...* if possible.**

# Plan

## Introduction

(Paragraph 1) - *name of person - what famous for*

## Main Body

(Paragraph 2) - *early years (when/where born, childhood, etc)*

(Paragraph 3) - *later years (marriage, achievements, etc)*

## Conclusion

(Paragraph 4) - *date of death, comments*

# **YOU HOMEWORK:**



**Write a biography of between 200 and 250 words about a famous British writer, Charles Dickens.**



## **Использованные материалы:**

**Интернет ресурсы:**

1. [http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/ru/9/9f/Catherine\\_Cookson.jpg](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/ru/9/9f/Catherine_Cookson.jpg)

– портрет Кэтрин Энн Куксон

2. <http://simania.co.il/images/users/18749.jpg> - портрет

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