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BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE – LEVEL 1

- limited in all aspects yet ...does provide some background information and details
- basic cues & conventions (simple sentences yet few errors)

██████████ Biography

One of ██████████'s saddest days of her life was on November 1st, 2005. ██████████ was ██████████'s uncle. He was 25 years old when he passed away on November 1st. He grew up in Whitefish and left this at Depton. He was in a fight and one person pulled out a knife and brutally murdered him. This incident affected and changed ██████████'s life. The reason this changed her life was because ██████████ meant so much to her, she explains they were close, they were like father and daughter. One of the things she couldn't forget was when her grandfather passed away and she so she called there for her and no one was, so she called ██████████ to come get her and he did, even though he was 3-4 hours away from her. He was always there for ██████████ and gave her the best advice that helped her through her troubles. He was basically like a father towards her because he was there since she took her first breath until he took his last. One of the best advices ██████████ ever received from him was that she shouldn't let anyone get the best of her. If ██████████ could tell him anything right now she wants to let him know that she loves him and appreciates everything he had ever done for her. Furthermore, she explains that she would re-live the last Christmas they spent together if she had the chance. She believed he lived a good life because he always had a smile on his face, he had a bright spirit and he respected everyone around. He had no children and he worked all the time, if he wasn't at work he was at home helping ██████████'s grandmother. ██████████ believes in the afterlife and she believes ██████████ is at good rest because he's with his parents now.

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BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE – LEVEL 1

- lacks flow
- choppy
- ideas include some key
- limited ideas learned
- language c&c is basic

Steve Jobs his parents put him up for adoption when he was an infant. Later on Clara and Paul jobs adopted and named him Steve jobs. Steve was born in Sans Francisco, California on February 24, 1955. His father and him when he was little they would work in the garage on electronics. He was always intelligent and a good thinker. When Steve jobs was in school he dropped out of collage because his family couldn't afford him being in private school. Steve was an entrepreneur, computer programmer and inventor. He passed on October 5,2011

He impacts the world with new technology for people to use without internet chords or phone chords. He made the first circuit board computer in 1976. He also made devices such as the IPod, IPad, iPhone and mp3 players. He changed the world a better place by showing us that anything is possible with technology and that we don't need to send people letters in the mail but we can use the devices for texting people messaging people on Emails or Facebook.

The obstacles that Steve jobs overcome was he had to fight thru pancreatic cancer. He also had to overcome that a few designs had flaws and IBM surpassed apple sales. He risk the company by making the Macintosh but was scared that the new computer would not sell because IBM wold not approve of the new model. They overcame by coming out with the Macintosh. The tumor in him was taken out in 2004. The Macintosh sold over 70,000 in the first day.

I think the world would be better because there would be technology that could probley change how people look at certain things.

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BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE – LEVEL 2

- repetitive – lacks flow
- confusing to follow
- basic information provided
- mechanics need work
- poor sentence structure – lots of run-ons

Adam Gontier and His Life.

Adam was born on May 21st 1978 in Peterborough Ontario Canada, Adam was raised by his mother a piano jazz player who took him to her concerts when he was 8-12 years old. Adam had gotten addicted to music because his mother made him listen to music, He played guitar since he was 6 years old. Because of his mother Adam had been singing since he was 12 years old after he'd posted on the Three days grace website which got him to be the lead singer and songwriter in Three Days Grace. He even met his band mates in high school, Adam is a songwriter and lead singer in the band Three Days Grace, Adam is a 33 year old male with tattoos on his chest, arms, knuckles and wrists; He is also 6'2" Tall.

How they changed the world: Adam wrote the song Never too Late which talks about eliminating suicide. And he visited rehab centers to share his words of wisdom and his band helped those who were addicted to drugs and his song "Life Starts Now.", tells them about leaving behind the past and move forward to a new beginning.

Adam's mother had helped him get addicted to music and that caused him to sing, write songs and play guitar. Since his mother took him to her jazz concerts Adam started to sing at age 12 which lead him to post the audition to the band three days grace and scored him the role of lead singer, As you all know celebrities due tend to get addicted to drugs and alcohol same with Adam Gontier. He was addicted to Oxycontin, a pain killer which numbs everything. He wrote his best songs out of his own suffering and the suffering of others he's seen. Adam got help in 2005 at the Toronto rehab center called CAMH which lead him to write more songs such as "World so cold and Life Starts Now.".If Adam hadn't been born would there still be a Three days Grace?, Would there be someone to help those who've done drugs?.

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BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE – LEVEL 2

- adequate key ideas
- some evidence of leaving something to think about
- needs some wording changes

The famous person I chose to talk about is Terry Fox; Terry is from Winnipeg, Canada. He was born in July 28, 1958, he was from a middle class family, he had two brothers and one sister, a brother and a sister younger than him and the other brother was older than him. Terry liked all kinds of sport and he joined them all at school even though he wasn't that good at all of them, but he would never give up with something he like to do. Terry is that young guy with a curly hair, running around with one leg and a dream.

Terry Fox was a perfect example for `` Nothing is impossible``, you have one leg? You can still run and do what two legs person can't do. His dream made him famous, the dream of raising money for people who are in need for that one DOLLER, for us a dollar is worth nothing, Terry made that dollar worth a lot, that's how he changed the world around us. Terry lost his leg when he was 18 years old, but that did not stop him of running. He used to run with one leg around the country. What he did changed the world positively; he helped lots of people who were in need for those dollars he was raising them every day. Helping people is the most beautiful thing we can all do, sometimes it can be so easy but makes someone happy, and sometimes it can be super hard and affect you really bad just like Terry. That's one of the things that made him famous, choosing other people's health more than his own Health. Terry's doctors asked him to stop running when they cut his leg, because it will get worse and worse, but he didn't want to stop what he is up to. Terry wanted to help people as much as he could do, even though his health was getting bad.

Terry Faced lots of problems in his life, most of them were about his health and his legs, all that did stop him either. Terry got his leg removed and he was getting an artificial leg instead. After that he continued running around Canada, But the cancer stopped him from all that, he got cancer in his lungs he stopped to get it checked out and he start getting his medicine , that helped him for a short time, the cancer start getting really bad , the doctors couldn't do nothing about it. The medicines weren't helping much anymore. The cancer was getting bigger and bigger. He got really skinny. He was happy about it because he got the cancer from doing something good for people.

Terry Fox change the Canada to be a better place where everyone care about the anther and try to help each other. His idea was a really smart one full of love and caring for the people around us to be happy, healthy and safe. He didn't do this only for the few years he lived; people all around Canada still do it every year at schools and other public places. Canada is raising about \$400 million dollars from Cancer Research.

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BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE – LEVEL 2

- needs more detail to expand ideas and provide more foundation, yet all requirements are simply and basically present

Interview Biography

██████████ was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. She grew up going to school in the city and enjoyed the outdoors more than she did learning. After the school year was finished she would go to her parent's friend farm and see what it was like being a farm girl. "I loved it" explained ██████████ with such enthusiasm.

At the end of ██████████'s schooling career she met ██████████ a "Farm boy", from Prince Albert and was brought back to his house where he had been living for his entire life. The house was built by his parents. ██████████ fell in love and fulfilled her dream of living on the farm. After living in the basement for five years, they moved up stairs and began farming. They took care of many things such as their 150 head of cattle, the hog barn, and harvesting their 320 Acres for many years. They were both happy farming until 1970 when ██████████ had a heart attack. They got rid of the animals and rented out the land to their good friend.

Today they are now my neighbors down the road. They still live in the house that ██████████'s parents built. The responsibilities have become much less as they only have to care for them and their dog Zeek!

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BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE – LEVEL 3

- key ideas learned and presented
- important background information shared
- ending okay – could leave us thinking more
- simple language conventions (sentence structure)
- word choice limited

Biography by: [REDACTED]

Looking back on what her life could have been is a scary thought.

[REDACTED] looks back and says that she probably wouldn't have made very good choices now or would have been doing as good academically as she is now. She feels life would have been a constant struggle.

She was born into a family that was deemed "unfit" by social services and sent to live with what she considers her actual real family now.

[REDACTED] looks back and is grateful for the unconditional love and kindness that her family now has given her and the feeling of welcome she felt the first day she met her foster parents.

For a 5-year-old getting sent away from her actual parents and sent to live with practical strangers it would seem like it would be a difficult and confusing time but [REDACTED] tells me that she felt none of that when she was first placed in that home.

Though sometimes she does wonder what her life would be like she tries not to dwell on that fact and doesn't have any plans to actually contact her biological mother any time soon. She does though still kind of keep in contact with her biological father but says that she feels no sort of connection between them and has no plans to actually establish a father-daughter relationship.

She has three little sisters, who one is actually a biological sister, but she says she hates the terms "biological" or "adopted" because when she talks about her family now she doesn't identify them as either of those words, "... it's just my family". Before the interview I talked to her about what I'd be asking her and she told me she felt a bit weird when I referred to her mom or her dad as "foster parents" because to her they were just her actual parents, no added titles. They are just considered her family.

[REDACTED] now stands as a bubbly, happy 16 year old girl. She has a job, many friends and is doing well in the new school that she's attending now socially and academically. She has all the love and support from her family today, real or not they are her family forever.

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BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE – LEVEL 3

- effectively includes key ideas
- competently shares some key ideas
- detailed information
- left reader little to think about
- good use of language intro
- swearing

Dr.Dre is the best producer in the Hip-Hop industry. He helped incorporate “Gangsta Rap” into the mainstream. At the same time he brought artists such Snoop Dogg, 2Pac, D.O.C. Eminem, and his group N.W.A. (consisting of himself, Ice Cube, MC Ren, DJ Yella, Eazy E, and at one time Arabian Prince.) into the limelight. He even spent many years primarily focusing on the other artists music. Some of these artists include: Mary J. Blige, Gwen Stefani, 50 Cent, The Game, Raekwon, and Jay-Z.

Dr.Dre was born Andre Romelle Young in 1965 to aspiring teenage singers Theodore and Verna Young. Both 17 and 16 at that time. About the time that Dre was in Junior high, gang violence in the neighborhood compelled him to transfer schools. In his later years he joined the group the “World Class Wreckin’ Cru”. His position in said group made him a local celebrity. Dre was also very confident in his skills on the turntable; often referring to himself as the “Master of Mixology” Their first hit “Surgery” was also immensely popular selling 50,000 copies in the Compton area. They undoubtedly soon became stars in the electro hop genre/scene that dominated the 1980’s hip hop scene on the West Coast. He later dropped out of high-school to focus on the Cru. Dre, and DJ Yella even mixed on a local radio show, and obviously the station received a massive ratings boost during the time the duo was mixing. This all continued until 1986

In 1986 Dre meet Ice Cube; the two instantly became friends. They later wrote songs for Ruthless Records, headed by Eazy E (which he founded with drug money). Later forming N.W.A. (Acronym for Niggaz Wit Attitudes) with Eazy, Cube, MC Ren, Yella, and himself. N.W.A. would be infamous for pioneering Gangsta Rap, a subgenre that heavy with profanity and controversy, with gritty and realistic depictions of street life in the inner-city. The group's first official album “Straight Outta Compton” was propelled into popularity with songs like “Fuck tha Police” and “Gangsta Gangsta”. Even without major radio play or touring it was phenomenally popular N.W.A. knew that people have been saying F.T.P. for years but couldn’t help but say it themselves. N.W.A. isn’t really an activist group. As Eazy said “I don’t think anything’s gonna help the problem. It’s too dead. N.W.A.’s just being brutally honest.” F.T.P. was rather explicit in it’s lyrics saying things such as “They have the authority to kill a minority” Sadly this is true even today with cases of the murder of Trayvon Martin. Later in 1989 Cube split due to financial issues. Having wrote most of the lyrics, He thought he wasn’t getting enough money. N.W.A later dropped a LP “Efil4zaggin” (look at it backwards) in 1991, Dre split the same year under advice from The D.O.C. Dre then founded Death Row records; with the help of super scary Suge Knight. Dre worked tirelessly to create The Chronic; his first solo album. With the strength of it’s singles it elevated it’s popularity in unimaginable ways. The early 1990’s became controlled by “G-funk”. The Chronic became a massive success. It went multi-platinum, ranked 6th as the best-selling album, Dr.Dre was named 8th best selling musical artist, and “Ain’t Nothing But a G Thang” grabbed 11th top selling single. Dre spent a copious amount of time afterward helping out Snoop Dogg and Ice Cube. In 1995 he signed 2Pac on the label. 2Pac sadly died in 1996,

After some rumors of Suge's corruption, Dre split and founded Aftermath. Dre thought we would bid farewell to Gangsta Rap. He did so with the solo track, "Been There, Done That". Inevitably; it flopped hard. The turning point of Aftermath's fate is when Dr.Dre signed Eminem in 1998. With Dre's help Em dropped "The Slim Shady LP" in 1999. Dre's album 2001 dropped the same year. Dre himself claimed "That it is so good it should be listened to for 3 years." Dre collaborated with many artists for 2001, Like Nate Dogg, Xzibit, and Hittman. 2001 was immensely successful, even more then The Chronic. It was 2nd on the billboard 200 charts.

From 2000 on Dre focused performing musical surgery other artists. He signed an R&B singer known as Truth Hurts. Helped produce singles for Mary J. Blige and Gwen Stefani. Continued to assist with the music on Em's next 3 albums Even signed 50 Cent in 2003 with his hit album "Get Rich or Die Tryin'" He operated with Snoop with the "Blue Carpet Treatment" (album). While helping other rappers such as Raekwon and Young Buck, and other artists such as Justin Timberlake. He even produced a documentary for The Game.

Dre did such things until 2009, until he realized that it might be a good idea to release that patient he said he's been working on since around 2002 (Detox). Detox is supposed to somewhat of a concept album. But has many rappers confirmed to be on said album, for example RZA, Warren G, and Jay-Z. Although there were still many delays; like Em's next album Relapse. Two singles finally dropped in 2010, "Kush" and "I Need a Doctor". "The Psycho" single is set to drop in 2012. The same year Detox is expected to be let out of the operating room. After Dre's final album is released, Dre is going to focus on selling Beats by Dre, headphones crafted by the Master of Mixology. Inevitably Dre is still going to help artists with their music as well.

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BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE – LEVEL 3

- thoughtful ending
- well written
- provides details
- clearly explains background information
- accomplishments clearly defined

Barrack Obama Biography

Barack Hussein Obama Jr. is from Honolulu, Hawaii. He was born August 4th, 1961 (age 50). He is of African-American descent, has black hair, always wears formal clothing, and looks old because of his age. At age two, his parents divorced and he moved to Indonesia where his father met another woman and then his half-sister was born. His mother was afraid for Barack's safety and education, so he moved back to Hawaii and lived with his grandparents, mother, and half-sister. He went to high school that was highly esteemed. There was only two other black students at his school and he excelled in basketball and graduated with academic honours. After high school he studied at a college in Los Angeles for two years, and then he transferred to a university in New York and graduated with a degree in political science. He then joined the Trinity United Church of Christ and visited relatives in Kenya. After that he went into Harvard Law School and met his future wife Michelle Robinson.

Obama had a long road to become what he is today. His work after schooling led him to run for a position in the Illinois State Senate as a Democrat and won. He then ran for a United States House of Representatives seat, but lost. Barack didn't give up, and for the next two years he raised funds for his campaign and won the seat the second time around. He was also an early opponent of George W. Bush during this time. In 2004, he won the U.S Senate open seat with 52% of the vote. After that, he returned to Illinois and won the position of Senator by 70% of the vote. In 2007, he decided to run as head representative against New York's Senator Hillary

Clinton and won. On November 4th 2008, he defeated the Republican presidential nominee and claimed the position as the United States of America president.

During his first hundred days of office, he passed a \$787 billion stimulus bill to promote short term economic growth and cut taxes for working families, small businesses, and first time home owners. The most important action he took was setting a \$3.5 trillion budget plan for the United States. Some of the things he did to impact the world included improving relations with Europe, China, Russia, Iran, Venezuela, and Cuba. He also fought pirates off the coast of Somalia and then prepared the country for the swine flu. He was awarded the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize for his help.

For a person like this, you can only love him or hate him, even though he has done the world much good, I find his message flawed. When he was fighting against Bush, his main point was the sending out troops to fight was foolish and that it was wrong. Barack said that he would stop the war and bring the men home, and then he went and sent more troops to the Middle East and postponed the time when they are supposed to come back. He has essentially become what his enemy was, and I believe it would've been better if he had never been elected as president.

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BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE – LEVEL 4

- clear focus
- comprehensive
- skillful
- thoughtful description
- ending ties is all together to make it a low 4
- needs to cite quote
- improve word choice

Tim McIlrath

Tim McIlrath, lead singer, rhythm guitarist and frontman of the punk rock group Rise Against, is from Indianapolis, Indiana, USA. He was born November 3rd, 1979. As a child, he grew up in a middle class family. In middle school, Tim was bullied for having heterochromia, a mutation of the eye that causes the irises to be two different colours; in his case, brown and green. Other students saw this to be “a sign of the beast”. As he grew out of middle school, he became more and more popular in the local Chicago punk scene, eventually starting a career in music.

Though Tim McIlrath hasn't changed the world, he's well on his way to doing so through his music and lifestyle – as a vegetarian, edging towards vegan, being straight edge (abstaining from addictive substances associated with the punk scene, such as recreational drugs, alcohol and cigarettes, sometimes even caffeine, promiscuous sex and prescription drugs.), supporting animal rights and anti-bullying. He finds these causes important because, well, animals have rights and also because he feels bullying hasn't been addressed properly in the rock scene.

Make It Stop (September's Children) is Rise Against's music video concerning bullying. Filmed at Tim's previously mentioned middle school, in which he was once bullied, the plot follows four students who are tormented to the point of suicide because of their sexual orientation. The song itself was supposedly written as a response to Tim discovering the It Gets Better Campaign – a non-profit organization supporting the LGBT community, who collaborated with Rise Against in the making of the video.

So, is Tim McIlrath an international superstar? Not really. But is he making a difference? Definitely. Every little bit counts when it comes to standing for the things we believe in.