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2 : biographical writings as a whole

1 : a usually written history of a person's life

Full Definition of BIOGRAPHY

plural bi-oq-ra-phies

3 : an account of the life of something (as an animal, a coin, or a building)

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Examples of BIOGRAPHY

a new biography of Abraham Lincoln

<an unauthorized biography of the actor gave him some serious headaches>

Origin of BIOGRAPHY

Late Greek biographia, from Greek bi- + -graphia -graphy First Known Use: 1683

Related to BIOGRAPHY

Synonyms

bio, life, memoir

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Other Literature Terms

apophasis, bathos, bildungsroman, bowdlerize, caesura, coda, doggerel, euphemism, poesy, prosody

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