



Dear fellow kid—

If you ever wanted to write a book about the person you know best, here's your chance. Fill in the blanks in this book and *bam!*—instant classic on your family's bookshelf. (Hint: Write at least a couple nice things about your parents. They might raise your allowance.)

But this book's not just for writing. It's also for drawing. That's why it's called an art-o-biography instead of a plain old autobiography.

My name is Aldo Zelnick, by the way, and I make art-o-biographies too. (Check 'em out sometime. People tell me they're funny.)

So what are you waiting for? You've got a whole book to create!

Aldo Zelnick

p.s. Ask a grown-up to take a picture of you holding your finished art-o-biography and post it on the Aldo Zelnick Facebook page!

MEET MY MENTORS:

I'm Goosy—Aldo's grandma.
Some people think they're not
artistic, and in case you're one of
them, I wanted to tell you Pfffft!
Everyone's at least a little bit
artsy-fartsy! So draw away! Just be
creative and have fun with it.



Mr. Mot is my name, and words are my game.
I'm Aldo's neighbor and a retired English teacher.
I've embellished this book with writing pointers—
nay, encouragement!—for you are now an author.
Write well and often.

OH, AND ONE MORE THING...

How To COOLIFY Your COVER



THIS IS YOUR ART-O-BIOGRAPHY, SO IT HAS
TO HAVE YOUR FACE ON THE FRONT, RIGHT?!

WRITE YOUR NAME BIG AND BODACIOUS
HERE, AND DRAW OR PASTE A PHOTO OF
YOURSELF HERE. THEN FILL UP THE REST

OF THE COVER, FRONT AND BACK, WITH STUFF YOU LOVE.

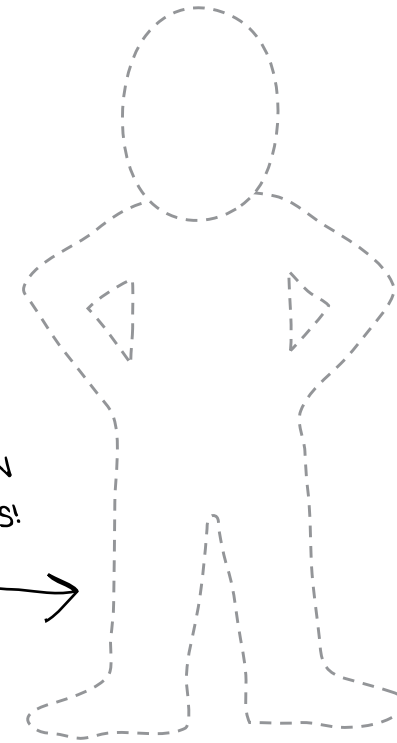
TAPE OR GLUE PICTURES, KEEPSAKES, CANDY WRAPPERS,
STICKERS—ANYTHING THAT HELPS TELL THE STORY OF YOU.

DON'T FORGET TO DOODLE! YOU CAN EVEN DECORATE THE
BORING WHITE INSIDE COVERS HOWEVER YOU WANT.

LIKE GOOSY SAYS, JUST BE CREATIVE AND HAVE FUN WITH IT!

THIS IS ME

HEY! DRAW IN
SOME DETAILS!



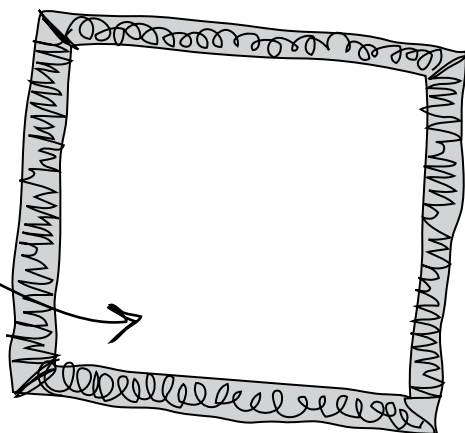
I was born on the _____ day of the month of
_____ in the year _____.

That makes me _____ years old now.

When I was born, I was _____ inches long
and weighed _____ pounds and _____ ounces. Now
I'm _____ feet, _____ inches tall and weigh about
_____ pounds. As you can see, I've got a remarkable
talent for growing.

My hair color is _____.
It's more or less the color of _____.

(I YANKED A
COUPLE PIECES
OF HAIR FROM
MY HEAD AND
TAPED THEM HERE
TO PROVE IT.)



My hair is (circle all that apply):

STRAIGHT WAVY CURLY LONG SHORT MEDIUM

My eyes are _____. They're the color of

_____.

There. Now you
have a description of
me in case I decide to
run away and you are
heartbroken (which you naturally
would be) and want help finding me.

Specify!

The more detailed and
specific your words, the better
your readers can imagine your story.
For example, if your eyes are blue,
maybe they're the color of faded
blue jeans!



(BTW, if I were going to run away, here's where I'd
go: _____. Just so you know.)

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO'VE NEVER HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF MEETING ME...

First of all, I'm sorry.

Second of all, I'm going to write down some stuff
so you won't feel so left out.

People say I'm _____ and

_____.

Inside of me, I know I'm _____ and

_____.

Here's a short, true story about me that lets you
know what I'm like. One day: _____

_____.

RANSOM-NOTE NAME

I cut out letters from a magazine and pasted them here so you can see what my first, middle, and last names would look like in a ransom note.



YOUR FACE

Now, look in a mirror and, as you make each expression, draw how it looks!

