Autobiographical Sketch
Outline

This sketch must include the following information:

- an original title (NOT “Autobiographical Sketch”)
- an introduction
- three body paragraphs
- and a conclusion.

I. **Introduction** – Self Description: name, date, and place of birth, a self-description, members of your family, and your most outstanding character traits.

II. **Paragraph 2** – Interesting Occurrences: your first day of school, family celebrations, vacations, or other things that may have happened in your life that you would like to share.

III. **Paragraph 3** – Most Important Accomplishments: something that you are especially proud of. A detailed description is required.

IV. **Paragraph 4** – Your Personal Motto: a creed that you would write on a sign to carry around with you. What would it be and what would it mean to you and to others who read it?

V. **Conclusion** – Goals: what you hope to accomplish this year personally, academically, and in whatever extracurricular activities that you are involved in.

A typed essay is preferred, but not absolutely required. If you don’t have Microsoft Word at home, try Google Docs. Please use Arial, Calibri, or Times Roman 12 point font and be sure to double space. If your essay is hand written please double space and do not write on the back of the notebook paper.

**DUE DATE:**
I am Mike

Big Mike. Slugger. Sandy. Depending on who you talk to, I could be called any of those names. My official name is John Michael Smith. I bet you are thinking that I’m a big guy, right? Where else would I get the nickname – Big Mike? In fact, nothing could be further from the truth. I am about five feet tall with a slender build. My hair is sandy brown and my eyes are brown too. One of the best things about me is that I’m friendly and I’m always smiling. I was born in San Antonio, Texas on March 24, 1993. San Antonio Regional Hospital is where I drew my first breath. My family consists of my parents, Jeannie & John, and my little sister Kenzi.

One of the coolest things that have ever happened to me occurred on the morning of my tenth birthday. My mom woke me up early for school and I had an amazing breakfast with pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs and orange juice. That was the beginning of the great things to come. I don’t usually get a feast before school every day! I was getting ready to walk out the door to catch the bus when my mom said something I thought I would never hear. She actually said that I wasn’t going to school that day. I looked at her with my mouth hanging open. “What?” I said. “Really, Mom?” She smiled and said that my dad was on his way to pick me up. We were going somewhere special. I was really shocked. I had never been able to skip school before! Usually I had to be puking my guts out to get out of going to school. The next thing I know my dad is picking me up, and we drove all the way over to the west side of town. As we turned into a side entrance to the airport, I looked at my dad out of the corner of
my eye. The airport? I really wanted to know what was up now, but my dad just smiled and didn’t say anything. We parked next to a small airplane hanger and got out of the car. A huge smile spread across my dad’s face. He looked like he just couldn’t hold it in any longer. We walked around the corner and a small plane sat glistening in the sun. “Get in,” my dad said. I couldn’t believe it! “Are you serious?” I asked. My dad just laughed. That turned out to be one of the best days of my life. We looped and swirled and sailed through the air! My dad had been taking flying lessons and finally got his pilot’s license. I’ve never had a better surprise.

One of my accomplishments that I am most proud of is the morning my Boy Scout troop helped clean up the area around one of San Antonio’s greatest treasures, the River Walk…

This is just a small, unfinished sample of the first few paragraphs of the autobiographical sketch that you will write about your life. This is an opportunity for you to share your goals, dreams and accomplishments! I know that sometimes it’s hard to write about yourself because you feel as if you are bragging, but don’t be concerned about that! This is your time to shine!