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**ENGLISH III, QUARTER 4  
AN AMERICAN'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY**

An autobiography is a book in which the author tells of his or her own life. Example are: I Had a Hammer By Hank Aaron; I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou, and Cash by Johnny Cash. Check the Internet for titles and the library for books. Read an autobiography by an American that's teacher approved, and in well-formatted essays of at least five paragraphs, answer the following questions. Remember that the reader has no clue about the autobiography, so some summary of the book will help.

Autobiography \_\_\_\_\_ Author \_\_\_\_\_

1. Explain why the author wrote the book about his/her life? The author might state why, or you may have to speculate. Whichever, use specifics from the book to make what you say clear. Don't forget to use quotation marks. Endnotes might help, too.

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2. Explain the kind of person you feel the author is. – what makes him behave as he/she does, what are his morals, how does he/she behave . . . Again, use specifics from the book to support what you feel. Would you like to meet this person? Why? Why not?

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3. Since an autobiography runs through a period of time in the author's life, explain how the author changes as a person from the beginning to the end of the book. Be sure to consider the stages of life the person goes through or the major events he/she experiences.

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4. Like fictional character engaged in conflict, the author of an autobiography is also engaged in conflicts. Select at least two conflicts the author is involved in and explain why the conflicts came into being and how they were resolved.

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5. What lesson about life did you learn from reading the autobiography? Explain what this lesson is and how it is developed in the text.

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**ENGLISH III, CAREERS III, QUARTER 4  
JOB RETENTION ESSAY**

To fulfill this job, you must have previously:

Watched the following videos:

Dealing with Supervisors: “Communications on the Job”

Work Ethics: “Ten Easy ways to Lose Your Job”

Work Ethics: “Downtown Deli”

Do 30 Ways to Shine as a New Employee exercises to understand issues that may arise in a new job and how to deal with them.

Do the ten You are the Boss exercises putting you in the supervisor’s position. You must deal with the employees who are exhibiting unsatisfactory behaviors.

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**Job Assignment:** In a well-written essay, clearly and completely consider the following. Use the writing format.

You have a job! How will you keep it and make it work for you???? In a well formatted essay of at least five paragraphs explain how your job will help you grow as a person; how you will demonstrate to your employer that you are the best person for the job, and how your job could be a stepping stone to a new position of employment.

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**SUGGESTION:**

In your introductory paragraph, name the job and briefly describe it and what you do. Don’t forget to announce what will be said about the job in the rest of the essay.