



Number Autobiography

Grade Level:

- K (with help)
- 1 (with help)
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

Content Area:

- Math
- Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Science
- Cross Curricular

Multiple Intelligences:

- Verbal / Linguistic
- Logical / Mathematical
- Spatial
- Bodily / Kinesthetic
- Musical
- Interpersonal
- Intrapersonal
- Naturalist

CD-ROM Templates:

- 32autobiography.isf - Inspiration

Overview:

In this activity, students will write about something interesting that happened to them for each year of their life. They will organize it into a top down tree or a right tree in the Inspiration program.

Software:

Inspiration or Kidspiration*

* If the Kidspiration program is used, students will need to physically arrange their diagram by clicking and dragging the symbols. (There is no arrange tool in Kidspiration.)

ISTE Standards:

- Students are proficient in the use of technology.
- Students use technology tools to process data and report results.

Web Resources:

Inspiration - www.inspiration.com (Download a 30-day trial version.)

Kidspiration - www.kidspiration.com (Download a 30-day trial version.)

The Teacher's Role:

1. The teacher will describe the activity to the students.
2. The teacher will instruct the students to think about something exciting or interesting that has happened in each year of their life. (They may want to ask their parents for help.)
3. The teacher will make sure the students have a rough draft of their number autobiography before they go to the computer.
4. The teacher will show the students how to enter and arrange their information using Inspiration.
5. The teacher will demonstrate how to add clip art.
6. The teacher will show the students how to print their number autobiographies.



Student Instructions:

Preparing the rough draft

1. Write the numbers 0, 1, 2, etc. down the left side of a sheet of paper. (If you are 8 years old, write the numbers 0-8; if you are 10, write the numbers 0-10, etc.)
2. Beside each number, write something interesting that happened to you when you were that age. You may want to get some help from your parents, grandparents, or other adults.

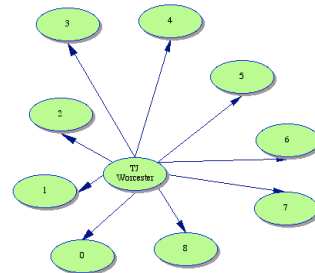
At the computer:

1. Open the Inspiration program.
2. Replace "new idea" with your name.
3. Create new symbols and enter each number.
3. Create a new symbol from each number symbol and enter your interesting fact.
4. Click the Arrange button in the tool bar at the top of the screen and try different arrangements until you find one you like.

NOTE - after arranging, press these keys on your keyboard to center your diagram and fit it to the screen:

Macintosh - Apple and E

Windows - Control and E



Fancying your diagram:

1. Change the colors of your symbols using the color tools at the bottom of the screen.
2. Change the shapes of your symbols, using the symbol palette at the left.
3. Add clip art from the symbol palette by dragging the clips onto the screen.
4. SAVE!

Extensions:

- Students could add a digital picture of themselves!

