

Autobiography Questions

1. What is the recipe for a great autobiography? What should it include and not include?
2. Should a good autobiography provide answers or raise questions?
3. Why is it that some people seek to write their life stories while others do not?
4. What does our desire or need to tell our own stories or read others' stories tell us about human nature?
5. What criteria should we use to decide whether or not an autobiography is "trustworthy"?
6. Which person from the past do you wish had written his or her autobiography? Of people living now, who do you hope will write his or her autobiography?
7. Given a specific autobiography, what one story in the book best illuminates the author's character?
8. Given a specific autobiography, what is the biggest mistake this person made (or has made)?
9. Given a specific autobiography, what lessons can we learn from this person's life? Which of these lessons is the most critical?
10. Is a person's life story best told by himself/herself or by someone else?

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