

# Biography Composition

...in other words, how to correctly format your bio for the program

Sample Bio:

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**Selena Solaris (Lady Capulet) AHS (Junior):** Little Shop of Horrors (Assistant Director/Film Designer), Hello, Dolly! (Ermengarde), The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (Rabbit), Blood Brothers (Pit Orchestra), Fiddler on the Roof (Bielke). **Elsewhere:** Necessary Targets (Nuna), Peggys: The Musical (Christine) with Essex Studios. **Film:** 2018 Film Festival (Sound Crew) with Anderson Film, Summer High (Hannah Doyle) with TOAST Summer Film Camp. **Activities:** Studio Theatre Class, Singer's Chorus, 2017 One Act Festival, Drama Club, AHS Philharmonic Orchestra, Voice Instruction with Karl Resnik, Dance Instruction at Bonnie Williams Dance Studio. **Awards:** 2017 Overture Awards Semi-Finalist (Theatre).

\*Selena would like to thank Mr. Weddle for his guidance and her family and friends for all of their love.

**Standard Theatre Format:** Title of Most Recent Show (Position), Title of Next Most Recent Show (Position), etc. List shows in time order, *most recent shows first*.

**Elsewhere Show Format:** List all shows in each company in standard show format BUT add on the name of the theatre or company at the very end, followed by a period. You will need to do this for each different company that you've worked with.

**Film Format:** Generally the same as Theatre format, with most recent films first, grouped by studio. NOTE: Anderson Film mainstage events go in this section.

**Activity Format:** Activity, Activity (Officer), Activity. Put official titles in (parenthesis).

For Sports teams: AHS Junior Varsity Volleyball (Team Captain).

**Award Format:** Year Name of Organization Award, N/SF/F\* (Category), repeat.

\*Nomination, Semi-Finalist, Finalist, if applicable. Do NOT Write Winner.

**Appreciation Format:** Write your "thank you's" in third person and try to keep them mature. What is third person? *Joshua sends thanks to his parents for their love and support.*

**Bold, Italics, & Underlining:** VSM doesn't allow you to do these, so don't fret.

**How far back should my bio date? Freshmen** are the ONLY people permitted to use their Nagel/Middle School credits. **Do not use elementary credits, ever.**

## Frequently Made Errors: Use this as a checklist for proofing!

- "Thank You's" should be in third person.
- Past show order – your most recent show comes first, followed by the next most recent, etc.
- Commas and Periods – USE THEM CORRECTLY (and outside parenthesis).
- Update your current grade.
- Completely write out "Assistant" and "Properties"
- Correct: Make-up Crew (note the capitalization), Building & Running Crew, Set Painter.
- How to Properly Credit One-Acts –
  - 2014 & 2015 One Act Festival (note: Omit positions and titles)
  - List under activities, as this is a classroom related activity.
- Correct: CCM Prep Dept., Cincinnati Actors' Studio and Academy, C.A.S.T., TOAST Film Camp
- Correct: LINK Crew, Pride of AHS Marching Band, AHS Symphony Orchestra
- Voice Instruction at/with \_\_\_\_\_. (use "with" for a teacher, "at" for a school.)
- Acting Instruction at/with \_\_\_\_\_.
- Dance Instruction at/with \_\_\_\_\_.
- Piano Instruction with \_\_\_\_\_. Trumpet, Saxophone, and Violin Instruction with \_\_\_\_\_.