

# Deconstruction Outline

## Part 1 - Perspective

<p>Understanding who the speaker is and their relationship to the phenomena being explored is critical. Describe who the author is (occupation, ethnicity, age, etc.) and what their role is in the historical event/trend/time being described. Provide AT LEAST three attributes that break down the author.</p>	<p>In describing perspective, one must identify relevant biases the author carries that may skew their interpretation. Identify AT LEAST 3 biases and explain why such may be relevant (example: due to the younger age of the author, ethnicity/relationship to the group discussed, etc.)</p>
<p>Select three sample passages/quotes from the text that help provide insight into the perspective. Be sure to list the page number after each passage.</p>	

## Part 2 - Historical Context

In breaking down the biography as a means of gaining historical insight, it is necessary to identify the historical phenomena (event, trend, experience, time/geography of focus) that a historian would use the biography as a means of gaining insight into. Describe the phenomena that you believe the biography to represent below:

Briefly research the topic the biography focuses on (Vietnam War, Irish immigrant in 1890s, Civil War, etc.). In doing so, write out what you believe are the 5 key/essential facts one must possess about that topic that would help them better understand the biography you have read.

Select three sample passages/quotes from the text that reveal critical insight to a historian wishing to better understand this phenomena. Be sure to list the page number after each passage.

### Part 3 - Audience & Purpose

While not overt in many cases, an historical source has an audience or a particular group that a document is aimed at reaching. The audience is in many cases, closely related to the purpose of the biography. Describe who or what you believe the audience to be. Justify your response.

An historical source serves a purpose beyond simple entertainment value. For instance, it may serve to convince someone of a fact or to persuade one to action. Describe what you believe the purpose of the biography to be. Justify your response.

Select two sample passages/quotes from the text that reveal a possible audience the author is speaking to in the biography. Be sure to list the page number after each passage.

Select two sample passages/quotes from the text that reveal a possible intended purpose in writing of the biography. Be sure to list the page number after each passage.