

## A Bare Bones Autobiography Outline

This simple bare bones **autobiography outline** template uses two key failures and a success, the classic three-act dramatic structure that has enthralled theatre-going audiences for centuries. It is meant as a quick and practical choice for beginning an autobiography or teaching about traditional autobiographical structure.

1. **Focal Point of your autobiography** : The driving force in my life has been my need to:
2. **(Introductory setup leading to goal)** The first evidence of this need can be traced back to when I decided to:
3. **(First major life turning point)** My first attempt to achieve this goal failed when I:
4. **(Complications)**This resulted in the following success or failure:
5. **(Complications)**That success or failure caused me to:
6. **(Complications)**The next major hurdle I faced was when:
7. **(Point when all seems well but can't last)** As a result of that, I (a) changed direction completely or (b) was encouraged by my success to:
8. **(Second, and most difficult major life turning point)** The most difficult time in my life, and perhaps the biggest hurdle to my success/happiness was when:
9. As a result of that setback, I chose to:
10. **(Climax)** It is this choice, more than anything else, that has led to my success today:
11. **(Wrap up)** Looking at myself today, I'm happy to have achieved: a) what I wanted b) more than what I wanted or c) something I didn't know I wanted until I found it: