English EiM 9H – Units 4-5

**Biography presentation**

– Personal notes –

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* ***You are going to speak about a famous person (dead or alive) to the class.***
* ***First, search for information on the internet and make notes.***
* ***Then, use your notes during your oral presentation. No reading!***
* ***Your presentation must include these elements:***
* **Name**
* **Job**
* **Birth information** (when, where, family...)
* **Early life** (school, hobbies, early, career, important events...)
* **Family life** (married or not, children...)
* **Most important events and works**
* **Death information – optional** (when, where...)
* **Conclusion** (your opinion about the person)

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* ***Here is a list of websites you can use to search for information.***

<http://www.ducksters.com/biography/>

* Lots of biographies.
* Longer texts, but clearly structured.

<https://www.pitara.com/category/non-fiction-for-kids/biographies-for-kids/>

* Lots of biographies.
* Longer texts, but clearly structured.

<https://www.biography.com/people>

* Lots of biographies.
* Longer and more difficult texts.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki>

* Lots of biographies.
* Longer and more difficult text.
* Useful links.

**Biography presentation**

– Example –

* ***Here is an example of notes about a famous person.***
* ***You can use it as a model.***

**Name:** Beyoncé(Giselle Knowles-Carter)

**Job:** American singer, songwriter, dancer and actress

**Birth information:**

* Born in Houston, Texas, September 4, 1981
* Father: Mathew Knowles, manager and businessman
* Mother: Tina Knowles, businesswoman and fashion designer
* Younger sister: Solange Knowles, singer, songwriter, model and actress

**Early life:**

* As a child: various singing and dancing competitions
* Late 1990s – 2006: lead singer of girl-group R&B Destiny’s Child
* Examples of famous songs: *Say my name, Survivor, Independent Women*
* Father: manager of the group
* Sister: backup dancer
* First solo albums:
* 2003: first solo album, *Dangerously in Love*
* 2006:second solo album*, B’Day*
* 2008:third solo album, *I Am... Sasha Fierce –* named after Beyoncé’s on-stage alter ego
* First films:
* 2002: *Austin Powers in Goldmember* –spy action comedy film
* 2006: *The Pink Panther* – a comedy film
* 2006: *Dreamgirls* – romantic musical and drama film, about a girl-group called the Dreams
* 2008: *Cadillac Records* – biographical musical drama film, Beyoncé acts as Etta James, famous singer in the 1950s

**Family life:**

* 2008: married: Jay-Z, rapper and businessman
* 3 children: one daughter and twins



**Most important events and works**

* 2010: six Grammy Awards in one night!

(awards for achievements in music industry)

* Other albums:
* 2011: *4 –* mellower music, funk, pop and soul
* 2013: *Beyoncé* – darker themes
* 2016: *Lemonade* – best-selling album in 2016
* Awards:
* 22 Grammy Awards (altogether)
* 24 MTV Video Music Awards, most awarded artist
* 2015-2017: considered as the most powerful female in entertainment

**Conclusion** (for example)

* very famous
* various music genres
* different types of jobs
* still very active