

# Expository Biography Model Essay Outline

## **Introduction Paragraph:**

**Topic sentence:** Because of her skills, her years of experience, and her good nature, KSD is lucky to have Dr. Petra Horn as an employee.

### ***Bold facts:***

During World War II, Dr. Horn's grandmother divorced her husband in order to join the Nazi Party so that her son, Hugo Horn, would not be castrated or killed. Dr. Horn's mother was next in line after her sisters to have a hysterectomy, but the war ended in time to save her from this horrific act. Without these two bold and lucky circumstances, we would have no Dr. Horn on this earth.

### ***Funny/interesting anecdotes:***

Dr. Horn had to endure oppression from an audist administrative body in two different schools in America before coming to KSD. These two tough experiences have given KSD a master in Deaf education and in politics.

### **Facts about this person's life *then and now:***

Dr. Horn grew up in Chicago, lived in San Diego for 10 years, went to Gallaudet for 6 years, lived in Utah for another 10 years, then moved to Kansas.

### **Thesis Statement with 3 areas:**

Dr. Horn has much to offer KSD through her personal experiences, her groundbreaking work at KSD, and her vision for a better future.

## **Body Paragraph 1:**

**Order words:** One thing

**(Topic Sentence):** that we can thank Dr. Horn for is her multitude of personal experiences.

### **(Detail Sentences):**

1. Visits Germany regularly
2. Speaks, reads, writes, signs German, English, ASL
3. YLC
4. Gallaudet SBG president
5. North, West, East, to the heartland
6. Divorced/re-married with 5 children
7. Varied work experiences

**(Clincher Sentence):** With these life experiences, she gleans information needed to teach KSD students, parents, and staff what they need to succeed.

## **Body Paragraph 2:**

**Order words:** Another thing

### **(Topic Sentence):**

for which we are indebted to Dr. Horn involves the wonderful work she has done since employed at KSD.

### **(Detail Sentences):**

1. Formation of the BMMR
2. Formation of the Language Immersion Room
3. Purchase of ASL videos
4. Continual training of staff

5. ASL tutoring
6. Reading Intervention

**(Clincher Sentence):**

Without these programs, KSD could not profess itself as one of the top 5 schools in the nation.

**Body Paragraph 3:**

**Order words:** Yet another thing

**(Topic Sentence):**

that we appreciate Dr. Horn is for her future vision of Deaf education.

**(Detail Sentences):**

1. Reduction of students in mainstream schools
2. Increase of students in the dorms
3. Improvement of technology
4. Increased funding
5. Stop paternalism
6. Welcome bilingual education

**(Clincher Sentence):**

With these goals guiding Dr. Horn, KSD is a healthy place for d/hh students to be.

**Additional Body Paragraphs if you need:**

**Use the same format as the first three body paragraphs.**

**Conclusion Paragraph:**

**Topic Sentence:**

KSD held the bilingual specialist position dormant for many years and for just the right person.

**State more interesting facts/stories (Detail Sentences):**

1. Dr. Horn took two pay cuts to be employed at KSD.
2. Now she couldn't imagine working anywhere else.

**Use this person's favorite quotes with an explanation (Detail Sentences):**

1.

**Tell what we can learn from this person's life or from his/her class (Detail Sentences):**

1. Marry for the right reasons
2. Don't make waves until you have earned respect
3. Fight oppression through hard work, positive attitudes, and continual education

**Order words:** Finally

**Restate Thesis Statement in a different manner than in Intro. (Clincher Statement).**

KSD has hired Dr. Horn, a Deaf woman who can cut the mustard as the bilingual specialist and as the state-wide spokesperson for the improvement of Deaf education.