Biography Worksheets

Here are some questions to help you begin thinking of a 1-2 page narrative biography.

Date of Birth:	Location:
Mother:	Father:
Siblings:	
	s?
What was your first encounter with the vis	sual arts? Do you remember?
Were your parents interested in the visual	larts?
Who encouraged you?	
Where did you go to school?	
Where did you first study art?	
Where did you receive your most significa	nt instruction?
Who were your most influential art teache	ers and why?
Did you remain friends with any of your fe	ellow students?
What important relationships affected you	ur life as an artist?
Do you have siblings who are artistically in	nclined?
What lessons did you learn that have laste	ed until now?

Artist's name /date
Is there anything else you'd like to say, or person you'd like to remember, or thought you'd like to mention on these pages? Here are some questions to shake your memory about what is important to you as an artist.
Name 5 things you'd like to be remembered for as an artist.
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What in your work as an artist has given you a sense of accomplishment?
What in your work has given you a sense of mystery?
Name some artists you were glad you knew.
Name some artists who lived in your lifetime whom you wish you had known.
Name some artists who did not live in your lifetime you wish you had known.

Artist's name /date
Biography
With the memories stirred over the last two pages, now you are ready to write your own bio. As you noted people, places and experiences that were important to you, remember you are the ultimate authority about your own life. Leave your inner critic behind, and share your story as you would want an art historian or a docent at a museum to speak about you, personally, warmly and kindly with that edge of uniqueness you cherish about yourself.
The next time you go to an art show, read over some of the biographies of your artist friends. Look for those that capture the artist as you know them. What are their features? You can use those biographies as inspiration for the tone of your biography.
Your biography written by you:

Artist's name /date	
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