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## *Personal Biography Template*

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Christine Duncan grew up as an only child. Since both her parents didn't have any siblings either, Christine also grew up as an only grandchild. She grew up in a small neighborhood with adults—her parents and grandparents.

Because of this, she never really knew what it meant to be a kid. Since the adults around Christine were quite overprotective too, she didn't learn how to relate well with other kids.

Growing up, Christine felt accustomed to the company of adults. She was always more mature than the other children at school. Even when she gained friends, she often felt annoyed at them while growing up because she felt that they were too childish.

The adults who raised Christine had invested a lot in her—this encouraged her to excel in all of her subjects as well as any hobbies she decided to take up. Now that she's all grown up, accepts that back then, she may have seemed smug to her peers.

While she didn't realize this back then, she hadn't learned self-awareness until years later. When Christine was in high school, she started feeling the pressure from her parents' and grandparents' high expectations. Gradually, she stopped joining extra-curricular activities and instead, made the choice to work.

Still, Christine graduated at the top of her class, although she wasn't the valedictorian. Looking back, Christine thinks that she didn't try as hard because she didn't want to give her family the satisfaction.

Then when it was time for college, she chose to go to a public university that was far from her home instead of the private university her parents hoped she would attend. She made this choice so she could feel like a "small fish in a big pond."

Throughout her college life, Christine didn't join a lot of outside activities. She joined a sorority and even because the president of the group after several of her sisters convinced her to take the role.

She also worked to pay her bills and, after several jobs, she started working for an investment firm. From there, she aimed to meet her potential, take on new challenges, but she didn't strive hard to go beyond expectations.

Probably because of the kind of family she grew up in, Christine never imagined herself having a family of her own. She didn't want to get tied down by a husband and children, so she always believed that marriage wasn't for her.

But in the year 2010, she met a man named Don and—after some happy years together—she decided to tie the knot with him. One year later, they welcomed their first daughter into their life. Since then, she let

go of her career-woman life and became a stay-at-home mom. Christine feels both happy and proud of this role of hers.

She feels like this is the perfect role for her as she watches her young daughter grow into a happy little girl. Christine remains driven but this time, not for herself, but for her daughter. Although she still finds it challenging to relate to children, she feels like she is an expert when it comes to her child.

Even though she never learned how to be a kid, she's hoping her little bundle of joy will teach her the joys of childhood when the time comes. This is where she gets her strength and motivation.