Do you know what a biography is? It is a book, film, or TV show that tells the life story of a well-known person. That person can be a president, singer, teacher, king, star shortstop, or Texas hero!

Even if a biography is made for TV or film, it still starts with a writer who studies much of a person’s life. For example, say that a writer is studying Davy Crockett. She must find out things about Crockett’s birth, childhood, teen years, and adult life. She must
find out why Crockett did things that he did. She must find the truth.

To find out these things, this writer spends much time reading and thinking about Davy Crockett. She studies times and places in which he lived. She matches those things to his life.

An important part of Crockett’s life was at the Alamo. Crockett battled and died there for Texas. The writer must find out why Crockett chose to fight. What path led him south to Texas?

The writer must also find out why this battle took place at the Alamo. What change did both sides in the fight hope for?

No matter if a biography is a book, TV show, or film, it helps if it has pictures that show the person. Davy Crockett lived before there were photographs. So a writer of his story might show old paintings of him and photos of the Alamo and other such places in his life.

Writing a biography about Davy Crockett might be hard because there are many books about him. There are also films, TV shows, and even songs! The writer must hope that when she finishes her study she has fresh things to say.

If you had a choice, would you write a biography or have one written about you?