

## Profile

- All the hints given with the question should be developed into short sentences and arranged in the order they are given.
- Sentences should be arranged in a way to make a short paragraph.
- The paragraph should have an effective beginning and end.
- A title should be given. It can be the name of the person whose profile is created.
- {**Note:** the birth date should always be introduced in the *simple past passive form* – ***was born on (with a date and year – on 02 March 2000); was born in (with only month /or year - in March 2000)***. If the person is still alive, we can use the simple present tense to talk about his writing style etc. as ***'He writes in a...style'***. Even when the author is dead, we use normally simple present tense to talk about his works, as ***'His works are...'***.]

**Q 1: Prepare a profile of Vaikom Mohammed Basheer with the help of the hints given.**

[Birth: January 19<sup>th</sup>, 1908 at Vaikom, a princely state of Travancore; a novelist, story writer, freedom fighter; Funny stories in simple and open style; famous works: Balyakala Sakhi, Pathummayude Aadu, Mathilukal, Ntuppuppakkoru Aanendaarnnu, Janmadinam, Anargha Nimisham etc. the Padma Shri award in 1982; Beypore Sultan died on 05 July 1994.]

### **Vaikom Mohammed Basheer**

Shri Vaikom Mohammed Basheer was born on 19 January 1908 at Vaikom, a princely state of Travancore. He was a noted writer and a freedom fighter. He wrote novels and stories in a very simple and open language and in a funny style. His most famous works are Balyakala Sakhi, Pathummayude Aadu, Mathilukal, Ntuppuppakkoru Aanendaarnnu, Janmadinam, Anargha Nimisham etc. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 1982. When he was 86, the Beypore Sultan – so was fondly he called – passed away on 05 July 1994.

**Q 2: Prepare a profile of WB Yeats using the hints given below. Use appropriate linkers wherever necessary.**

- *Birth:* June 13, 1865 Sandy mount, Republic of Ireland.
- *Spouse:* Georgiana Hyde Lees
- *Renowned as:* Poet, dramatist, senator, founder of Abbey Theatre.
- *Major Works:* Celtic Twilight, The Tower, A Vision.
- *Key traits:* Symbolism, allusive imagery.
- *Awards:* Nobel Prize in literature, December 1923.
- *Death:* January 28, 1939.

### **W B Yeats**

William Butler Yeats was born on June 13, 1865 in Sandy mount, Republic of Ireland. His wife was Georgiana Hyde Lees. He was a renowned poet and dramatist. He was also famous a senator and the founder of the Abbey Theatre. His major works are Celtic Twilight, The Tower, A Vision etc. Symbolism and allusive imagery are the main important characteristics of his writing style. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in December 1923. Yeats passed away on January 28, 1939.

**Q 3: Prepare a short profile of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie using the hints given below.**

- *Birth:* September 15, 1977
- *Nationality:* Nigeria
- *Education:* Drexel University, University of Nigeria, Nsukka
- *Known as:* novelist, nonfiction writer, short story writer
- *Awards:* Caine Prize for African Writing, Booker Prize, etc.

### **C N Adichie**

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie was born on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1977 in Nigeria. She had her education in the University of Nigeria located in Nsukka and at the age of 19 she went to the United State to join Drexel University. She is a very popular novelist, non-fiction writer and short story writer. She started writing at the very early age of seven. She is a well-know speaker too. “The Danger of a Single Story” is a popular speech made by Adichie. This speech has become one of the top ten

most-viewed TED talks of all time. She has won many awards including Caine Prize for African Writing and the very prestigious Booker Prize. She continues the journey of her literary life with all its zest.

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1. Prepare a short profile of D H Lawrence using the hints given below.

Birth: September 11, 1885  
Place of birth: Eastwood, Nottinghamshire  
Nationality: British  
Known as: Novelist, poet  
Notable works: Sons and Lovers, The Rainbow, Women in Love, John Thomas and Lady Jane, Lady Chatterley's Lover  
Died: March 2, 1930

2. Prepare a short profile of Leo Tolstoy using the hints given below.

Name: Count Lev Nikolayevich  
Born: September 9, 1828, Yasnaya Polyana, Russia  
Education: Kazan Federal University  
Major Works: War and Peace (1869), Anna Karenina (1877)  
Movies: Anna Karenina, L'Argent, Two Jacks  
Died: November 20, 1910, Lev Tolstoy, Russia

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