

## Answers to the Profile Questions

1. Who is the audience?

Audience is the readers who want to know the profile of Donatus and more first-hand information about the Biafran war.

2. A good profile story paints a portrait of a person(s) or place in words. Did the author capture the character, spirit and style of his subjects? Why or why not?

Yes, the author captured the character, spirit and style of his subjects because this can help the audience understand his father's personalities.

3. Profiles must have an angle, a primary theme. What is the angle of this profile?

The angle of this profile is about his father, Donatus and about anti-war.

4. Engaging details: Good profiles "show, instead of telling." Give an example of showing instead of telling used in the essay.

In the middle part of this essay, the author used the person's perspective to show the airstrike of the Donatus family including the five senses description, like "He wanted to run into the house to get it."

5. Engaging details: Which of the five senses were used? Give an example of using one of the five senses in this essay and cite the page.

Sight, Sound

For the sight sense, "He was about to give up when he saw his brother running towards home."

6. A profile cannot be complete without quotes. How effective were the quotes the author included? Why or why not? Explain.

I think the quotes really helped the whole profile-telling process, the quote like "in war, there is no good or bad, there is only bad and worse.", can vastly improve the character of his father and anti-war stance of this essay.

7. What tone (serious, humorous, sad, etc.) is conveyed? Explain.

Serious, the whole profile is writing about his father and the Biafran war and both the author and his father think the wars are harmful to the people in Nigeria. The anti-war theme also determined the serious tone of this article.

8. What is the dominant impression you are left with after you finished reading the article?

I felt that no one can benefit from the war, we should avoid war at all cost and treasure the current peace we have.

9. What is the strength of this essay? What could be improved?

The strength of this essay is the detailed description and his first-handed research about his father, it really attracts the readers to want to know more about his father.

I think that more details can be added, like the five senses descriptions.