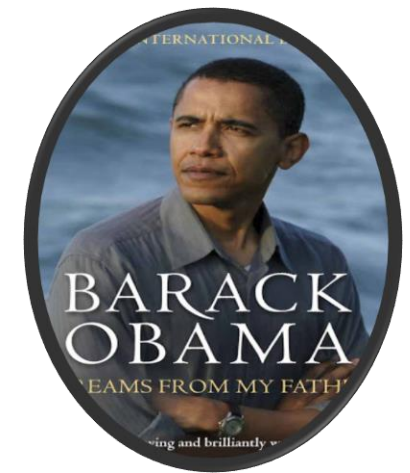# Year 9 'Autobiography' Knowledge Organiser

Important information

Context: Biographies and autobiographies are both types of non-fiction stories about someone's life. They are both based in fact but there are some key differences between them.

Themes: Crossroads, Family, Body, Death, Career, Religion, Politics, Goals, Dreams, Life and Regrets.

Setting: Usually the author's will take the reader through the locations significant to their lives.

Key Characters

Athletes	A person who is proficient in sports and other forms of physical exercise.
Historical Figures	A person who lived in the past and whose deeds exerted a significant impact on other people's lives and consciousness.
Celebrities	A famous or well-known person.
Politicians	a person who is professionally involved in politics, especially as a holder of an elected office.

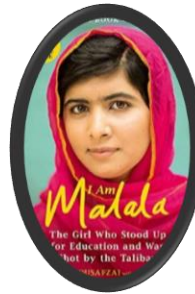## Key vocabulary
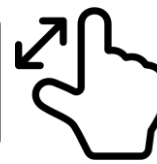
Aspirations

Passion

Challenges

Talent

Troubles

Diversity

Qualities

Personality

Zoom in – single word analysis

Zoom out – whole phrase

Key Features

Frist person

Chronological order

Memories, influences and achievements

Hopes, plans and dreams

Key terminology

Retrieval	The process of getting something back from somewhere.
Summary	A brief statement or account of the main points of something.
Sequencing	a particular order in which related things follow each other.

Key quotations

"There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you."

"If I had my life to live over again, I would have made a rule to read some poetry and listen to some music at least once every week."

"I am fundamentally an optimist. Whether that comes from nature or nurture, I cannot say. Part of being optimistic is keeping one's head pointed toward the sun, one's feet moving forward. There were many dark moments when my faith in humanity was sorely tested, but I would not and could not give myself up to despair. That way lays defeat and death."

"Hoping for the best, prepared for the worst, and unsurprised by anything in between."