Background: NC of Note—*Profile*, defined and explained

A **profile** provides information about someone or an account of his or her life. A **profile** may describe and offer a brief history and/or analysis about someone. Shorter than a biography, a **profile** about an individual who's living relies on interviews, anecdotes and observations.

Background information about the use of the term **profile** and development of **profiles** refers to the magazine, *The New Yorker*, in the 1920s and the Latin root of the word, **profile**, which means "thread" or "draw a line."

OTHER meanings: The term **profile** used as a noun may also refer to a representation of someone's face as seen from the side as well as to a written account. Social media users complete **profiles**, giving details about their history and preferences on their sites.

Profile (verb) also offers multiple meanings. To profile may refer to drawing someone or giving or offering specific details about that person.

The website, *How Stuff Works*, describes the more controversial use of profiling that involves police efforts to identify criminals or potential criminals. To find out more, visit: http://people.howstuffworks.com/profiling.htm

A search for advice on how to write an effective profile or short biography turned up references to the following two sources:

Journalism Education: How to Write a Profile Story

http://journalism-education.cubreporters.org/2010/08/how-to-write-profile-story.html

Hearts and Guts: Writing the Personal Profile

http://www.poynter.org/uncategorized/2022/hearts-and-guts-writing-the-personal-profile/

Other sources define and explain the profile or story about a person's "unique qualities:"
http://www.learnersdictionary.com/search/profile

http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/profile

http://grammar.about.com/od/pq/g/profileterm.htm

http://grammar.about.com/od/developingessays/a/essayprofile.htm

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