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Odontobiography – the science and art of reading teeth and mouths

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A biography can be defined as a detailed description of a person's life. It includes facts about the birth, education, work, relationships, health and death of the subject. Some biographies also give us insight into a subject's experience of these events. Biography presents a subject's life story and it is usually non-fiction. When gaps exist, fiction may be used to portray certain aspects of that person's life. Odontobiography is a kind of biography based on analysis of the teeth and mouths of living or dead people. In method, odontobiography is quite similar to dental profiling in forensic dentistry, but with a significant difference in the aim. The aim of dental profiling is to establish somebody's identity. The aim of making somebody's odontobiography is to reconstruct the life of an individual and to provide as many details as possible from her/his life by analysis of the oral environment. The purpose of this paper is to give a brief insight into odontobiography as way of meta-interpretation of results of forensic and bioarcheological research.

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