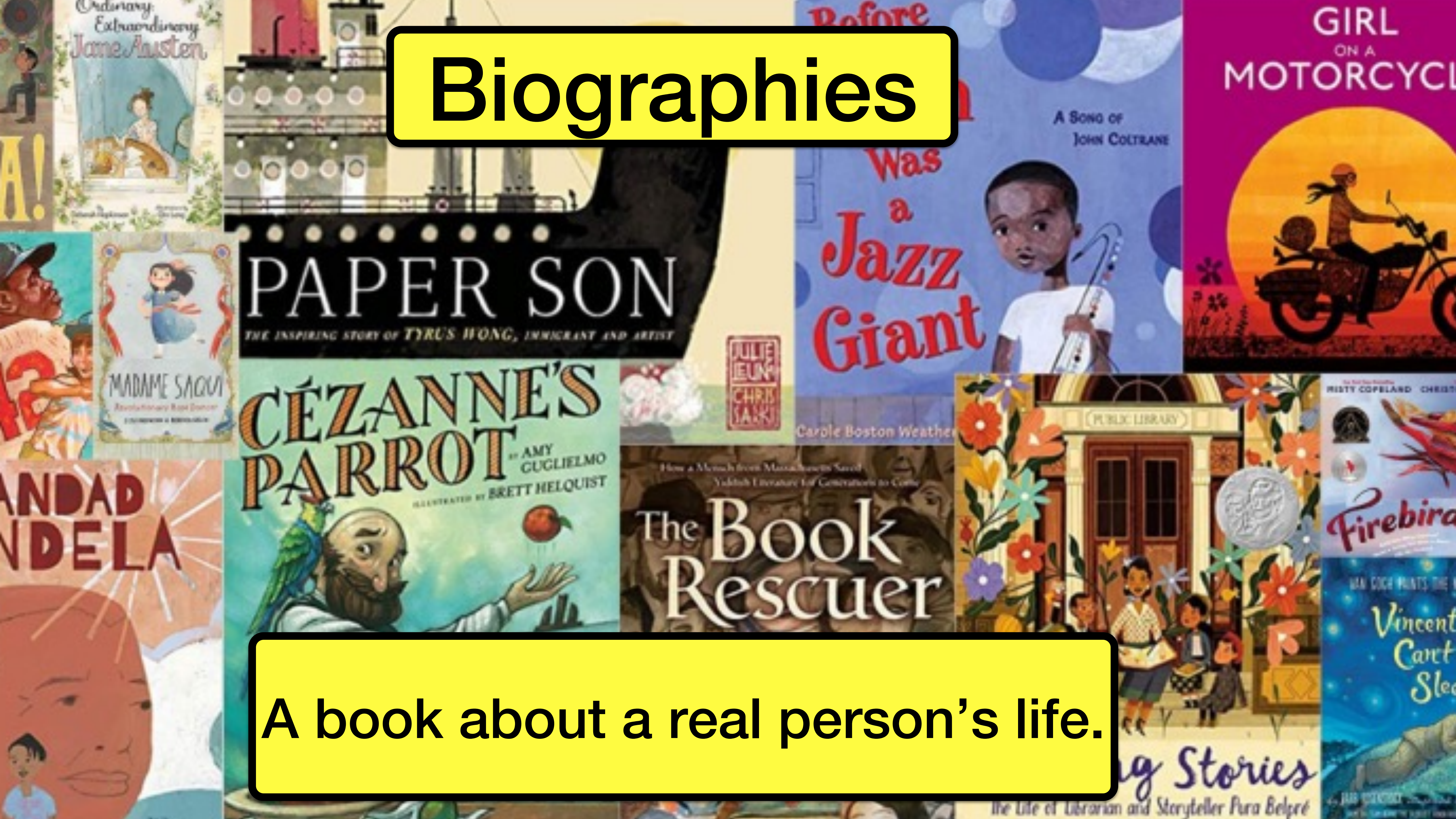


Biographies



A book about a real person's life.

Autobiographies

PAPER SON
THE INSPIRING STORY OF TYRUS HONG, IMMIGRANT AND ARTIST

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Jazz
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CÉZANNE'S
PARROT
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The Book
Rescuer

A book a person writes about their own life.

Lin-Manuel Miranda And Hamilton

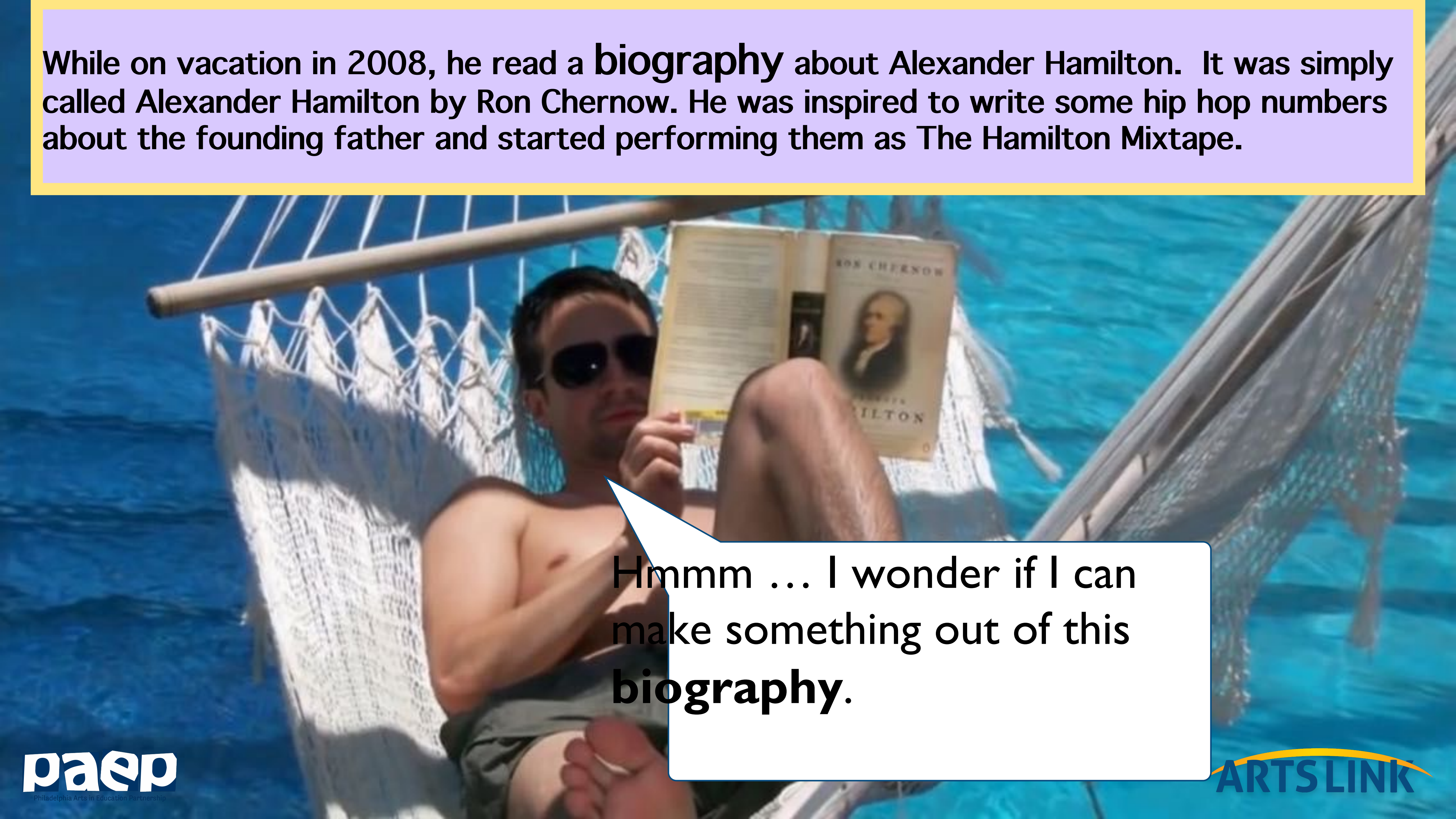




My son is going places!

Lin-Manuel Miranda was born in New York City in 1980. Growing up his parents loved listening to Latin music and also musicals. But he also learned about the new genre of music called rap from his school bus driver and his sister.

While on vacation in 2008, he read a **biography** about Alexander Hamilton. It was simply called Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow. He was inspired to write some hip hop numbers about the founding father and started performing them as The Hamilton Mixtape.

A man wearing sunglasses is sitting in a white hammock on a boat, reading an open book. The book's cover features a portrait of Alexander Hamilton and the text 'RON CHERNOW' and 'ALEXANDER HAMILTON'. The background shows the blue water of the ocean.

Hmmm ... I wonder if I can make something out of this **biography**.



I decided to cut out
my time as a baby.

Lin-Manuel thought Alexander Hamilton's life was so thrilling he knew it would make for a good play. First he had to pick which parts of his life would be necessary and which he would unfortunately leave out. It's a hard choice to make for writers but it is very necessary. No one can fit a whole person's life in a two hour play.



I could have done 47 but I didn't want to show off.

After he decided what the best parts were, he wrote the songs about them. Hamilton has 46 songs in total. It takes a lot of skill to make a whole life into 46 songs.



With more revisions he created Hamilton: An American Musical. He starred as the title character. It premiered in January of 2015 and completely sold out. People were blown away by using rap in a musical about American history and seeing minorities in the roles of The Founding Fathers.



Glad I read that book!

The musical went on to win many awards and continues to wow audiences to this day. It completely changed the way people think about musicals and American history. This was all possible because Lin-Manuel decided to read a biography on vacation.

ACT I Disc 1

1. ALEXANDER HAMILTON
2. AARON BURR, SIR
3. MY SHOT
4. THE STORY OF TONIGHT
5. THE SCHUYLER SISTERS
6. FARMER REFUTED
7. YOU'LL BE BACK
8. RIGHT HAND MAN
9. A WINTER'S BALL
10. HELPLESS
11. SATISFIED
12. THE STORY OF TONIGHT (REPRISE)
13. WAIT FOR IT
14. STAY ALIVE
15. TEN DUEL COMMANDMENTS
16. MEET ME INSIDE
17. THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH
18. GUNS AND SHIPS
19. HISTORY HAS ITS EYES ON YOU
20. YORKTOWN (THE WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN)
21. WHAT COMES NEXT?
22. DEAR THEODOSIA
23. NON-STOP

ACT II Disc 2

1. WHAT'D I MISS
2. CABINET BATTLE #1
3. TAKE A BREAK
4. SAY NO TO THIS
5. THE ROOM WHERE IT HAPPENS
6. SCHUYLER DEFEATED
7. CABINET BATTLE #2
8. WASHINGTON ON YOUR SIDE
9. ONE LAST TIME
10. I KNOW HIM
11. THE ADAMS ADMINISTRATION
12. WE KNOW
13. HURRICANE
14. THE REYNOLDS PAMPHLET
15. BURN
16. BLOW US ALL AWAY
17. STAY ALIVE (REPRISE)
18. IT'S QUIET UPTOWN
19. THE ELECTION OF 1800
20. YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT
21. BEST OF WIVES AND BEST OF WOMEN
22. THE WORLD WAS WIDE ENOUGH
23. WHO LIVES, WHO DIES, WHO TELLS YOUR STORY

These are the 46 songs from Hamilton. When you read the song titles you may notice that some titles seem mysterious while other titles give you a definite idea of what the song may be about. An author chooses the titles carefully to let the listener know what they are about to hear and what is most important about the song. Let's take a quick test to see the difference between these literal and poetic choices.

**ALEXANDER
HAMILTON**

HELPLESS

**THAT
WOULD
BE
ENOUGH**

CABINET

BATTLE

#1

**ONE
LAST
TIME**