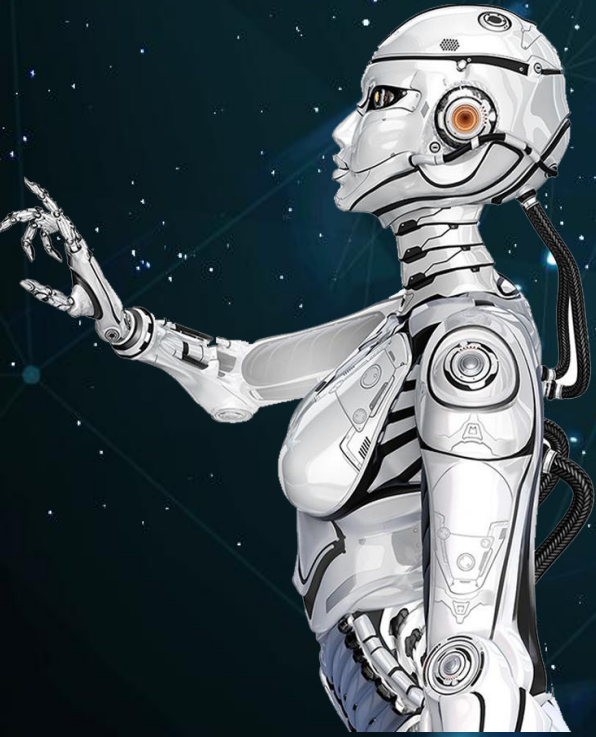


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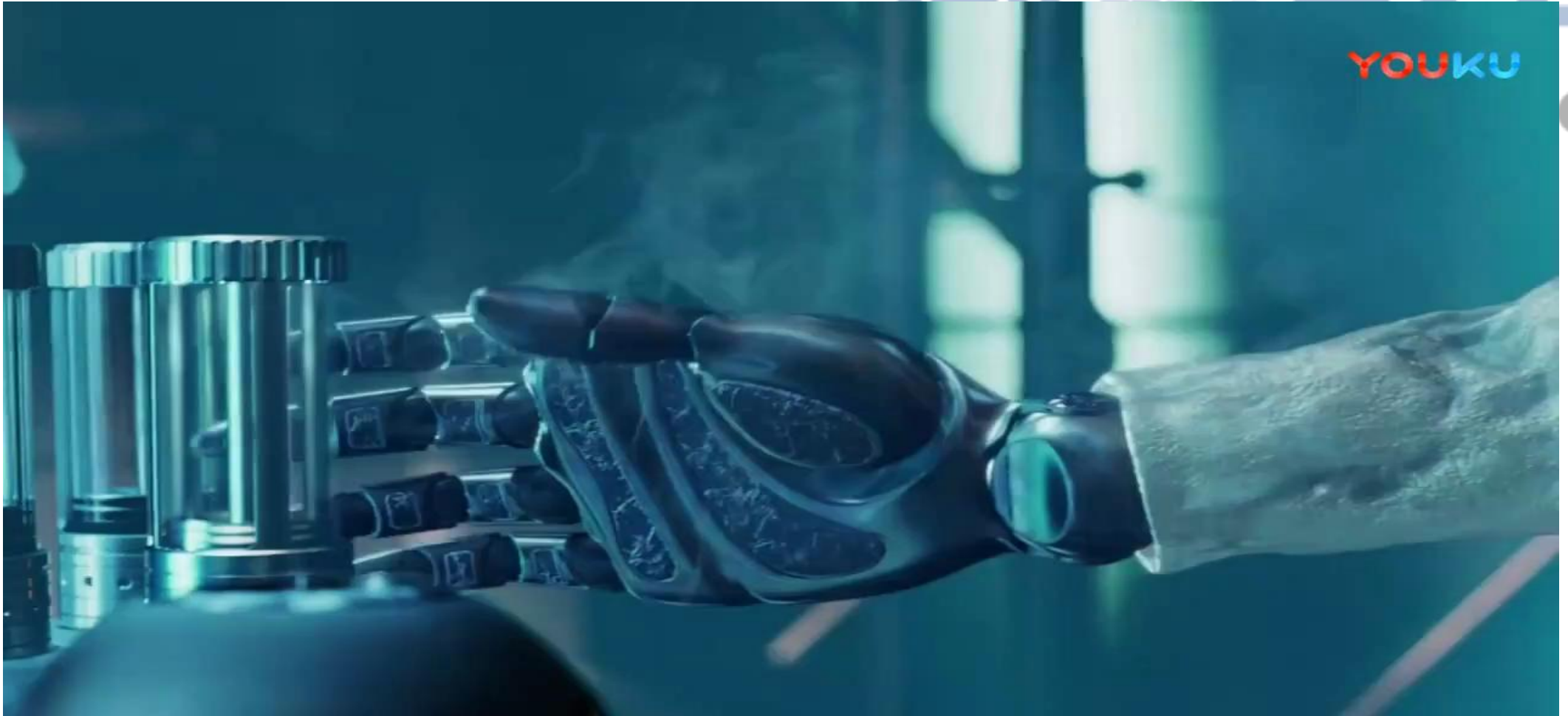
A Biography of Isaac Asimov



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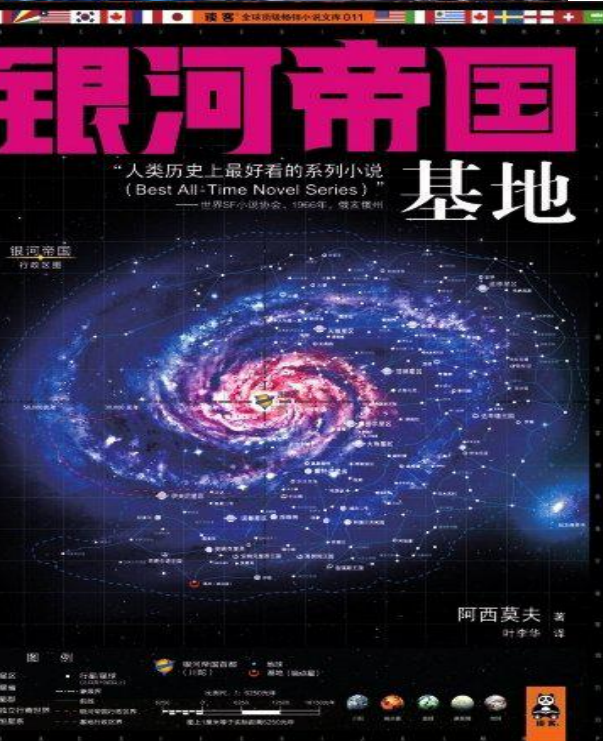
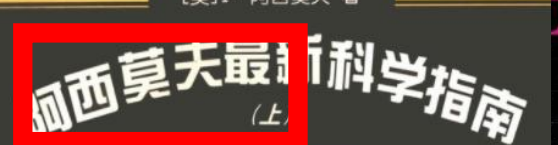
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Isaac Asimov



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2. Who's Isaac Asimov?



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3. Would you like to learn more about him?

A BIOGRAPHY OF ISAAC ASIMOV

Isaac Asimov was an American scientist and writer who wrote around 480 books that included mystery stories, science and history books, and even books about the **Holy Bible** and Shakespeare. But he is best known for his science fiction stories. Asimov had both an extraordinary imagination that gave him the ability to explore future worlds and an amazing mind with which he searched for explanations of everything, in the present and the past.

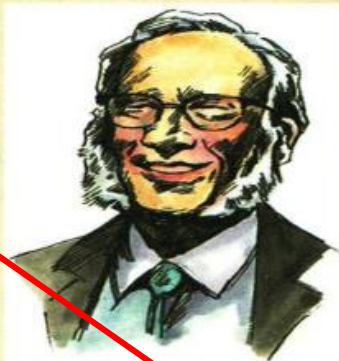
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When Asimov was three, he moved with his parents and his one-year-old sister to New York City. There his parents bought a candy store which they ran for the next 40 or so years. At the age of nine, when his mother was pregnant with her third child, Asimov started working **part-time** in the store. He helped out through his school and university years until 1942, a year after he had gained a master's degree in chemistry. In 1942 he joined the **staff** of the Philadelphia Navy Yard as a **junior** chemist and worked there for three years. In 1948 he got his PhD in chemistry. The next year he became a **biochemistry** teacher at Boston University School of Medicine. In 1958 he gave up teaching to become a full-time writer.

It was when Asimov was eleven years old that his **talent** for writing became obvious. He had told a friend two **chapters** of a story he had written. The friend thought he was retelling a story from a book. This really surprised Asimov and from that moment, he started to take himself seriously as a writer. Asimov began having stories published in science fiction magazines in 1939. In 1950 he published his first novel and in 1953 his first science book.

Throughout his life, Asimov received many awards, both for his science fiction books and his science books. Among his most **famous works** of science fiction, one for which he won an award was the Foundation trilogy (1951-1953), three novels about the death and rebirth of a great empire in a galaxy of the future. It was loosely based on the fall of the Roman Empire but was about the future. These books are famous because Asimov invented a **theoretical framework** which was designed to show how ideas and **thinking** may develop in the future. He is also well known for his collection of short stories, *I, Robot* (1950), in which he developed a set of three "laws" for robots. For example, the first law states that a robot must not injure human beings or allow them to be injured. Some of his ideas about robots later influenced other writers and even scientists researching into artificial intelligence.

Asimov was married twice. He married his first wife in 1942 and had a son and a daughter. Their marriage lasted 31 years. Soon after his **divorce** in 1973, Asimov married again but he had no children with his second wife.



Reading

Task 1 Text analysis

1. What's the writing style?

Biography (narrative)

2. What's the main idea of this passage?

An introduction of Isaac Asimov's life and works.

Reading

Task 2 Read for the main idea of each paragraph

Para. 1 / The awards Asimov received

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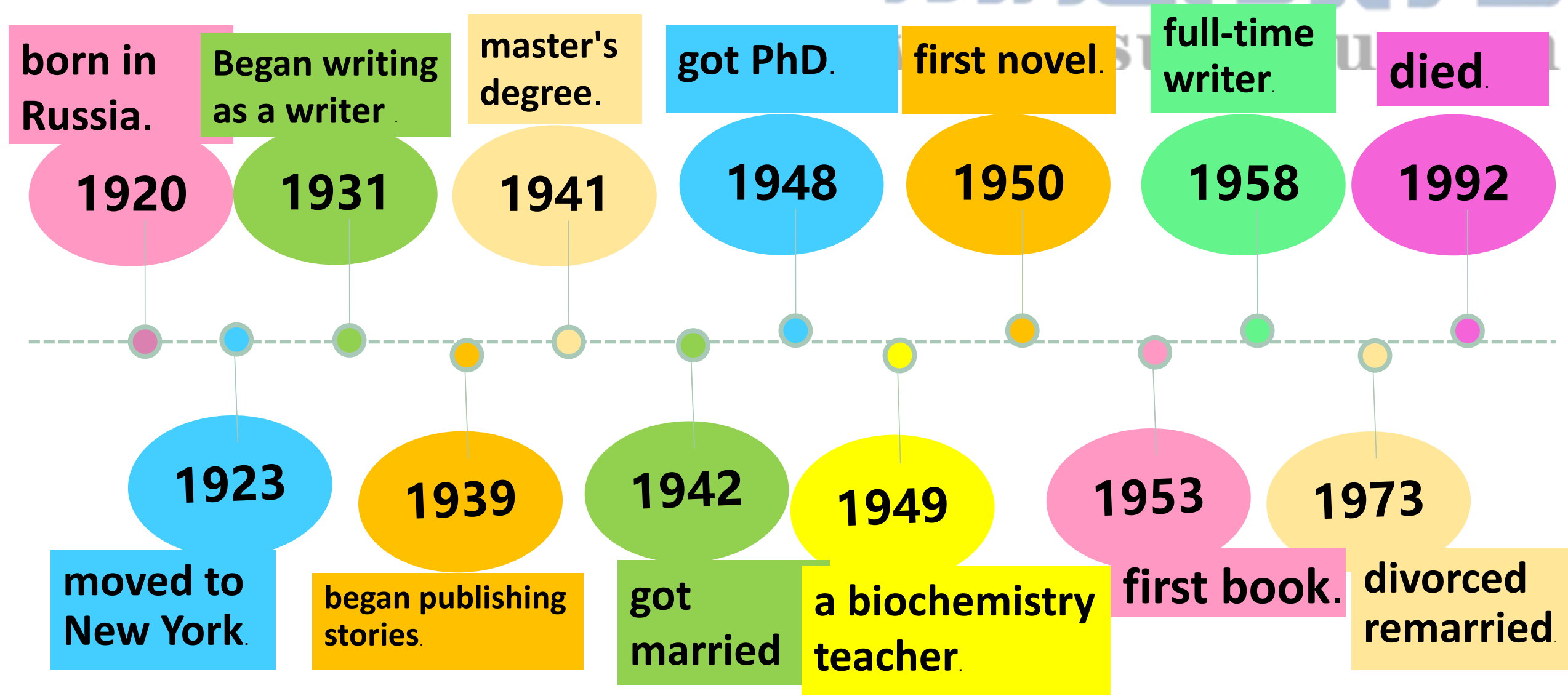
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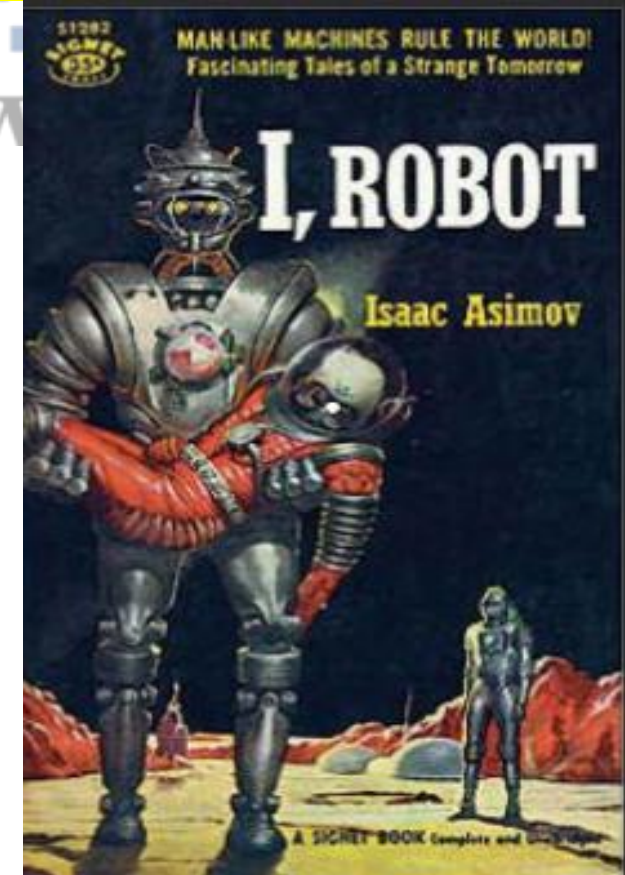
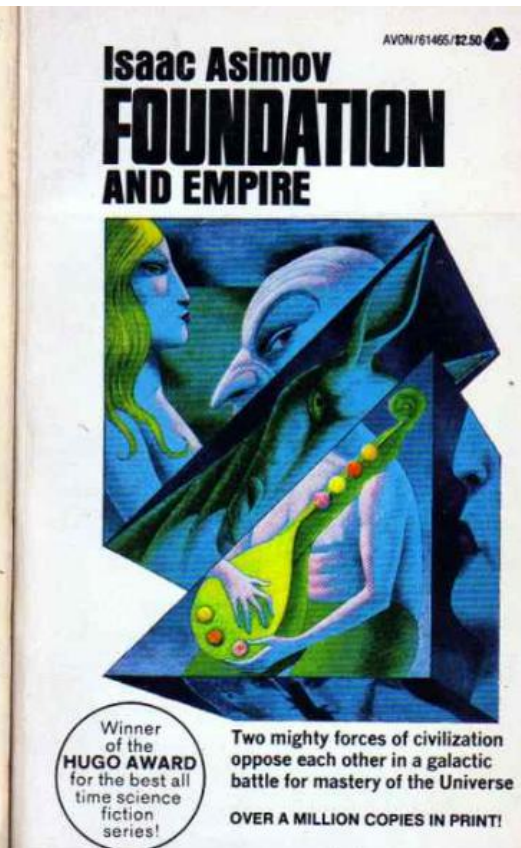
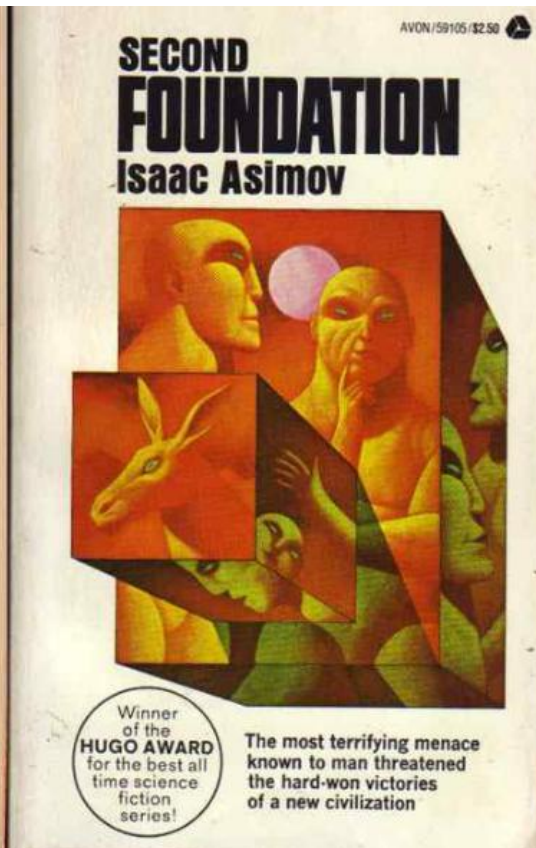
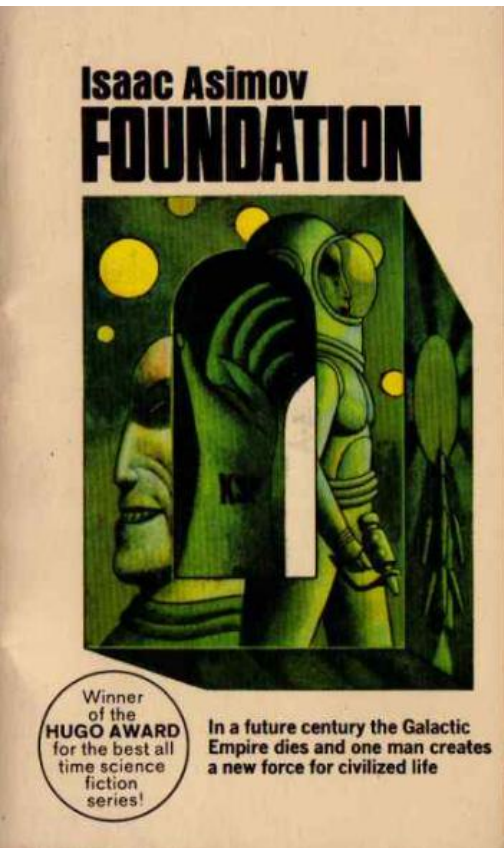
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Task 3 Draw a timeline of Isaac Asimov's life.



Task 4 What are his works?



the Foundation trilogy

I, Robot

Task 5 Summary

para 1: brief introduction (profession, talent)

para 2: birth and death

para 3: life experience and education

para 4: talent for writing

para 5: achievements and influence

para 6: marriage



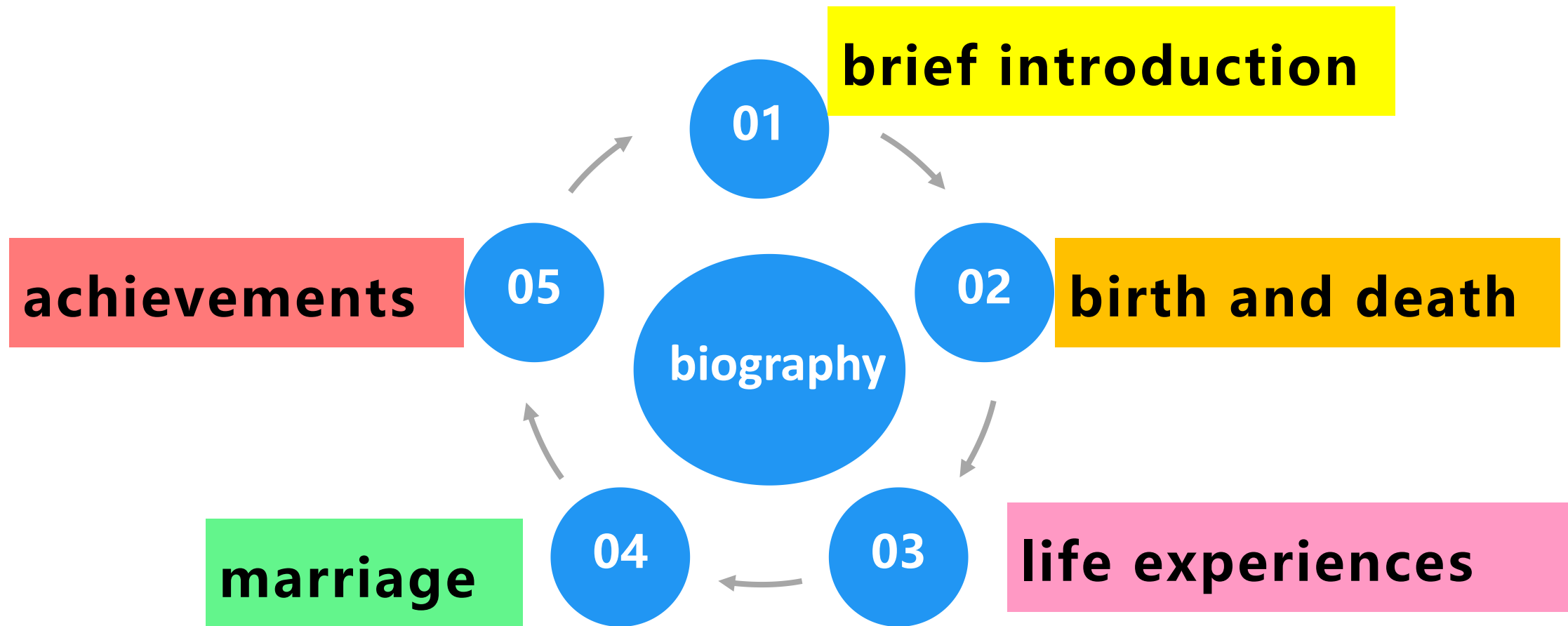
Task 5 Summary



Isaac Asimov was an American scientist and writer, who had both an extraordinary imagination and an amazing mind. Through his whole, he won many awards and his famous works are the Foundation trilogy and I, Robot.

He was born in 1920 and died in 1992. When he was 11, he showed his talent for writing, but he didn't become a full-time writer until 1958. He was well educated, getting not only a master's degree in chemistry but also PhD. During his whole life, he married twice and had 2 children.

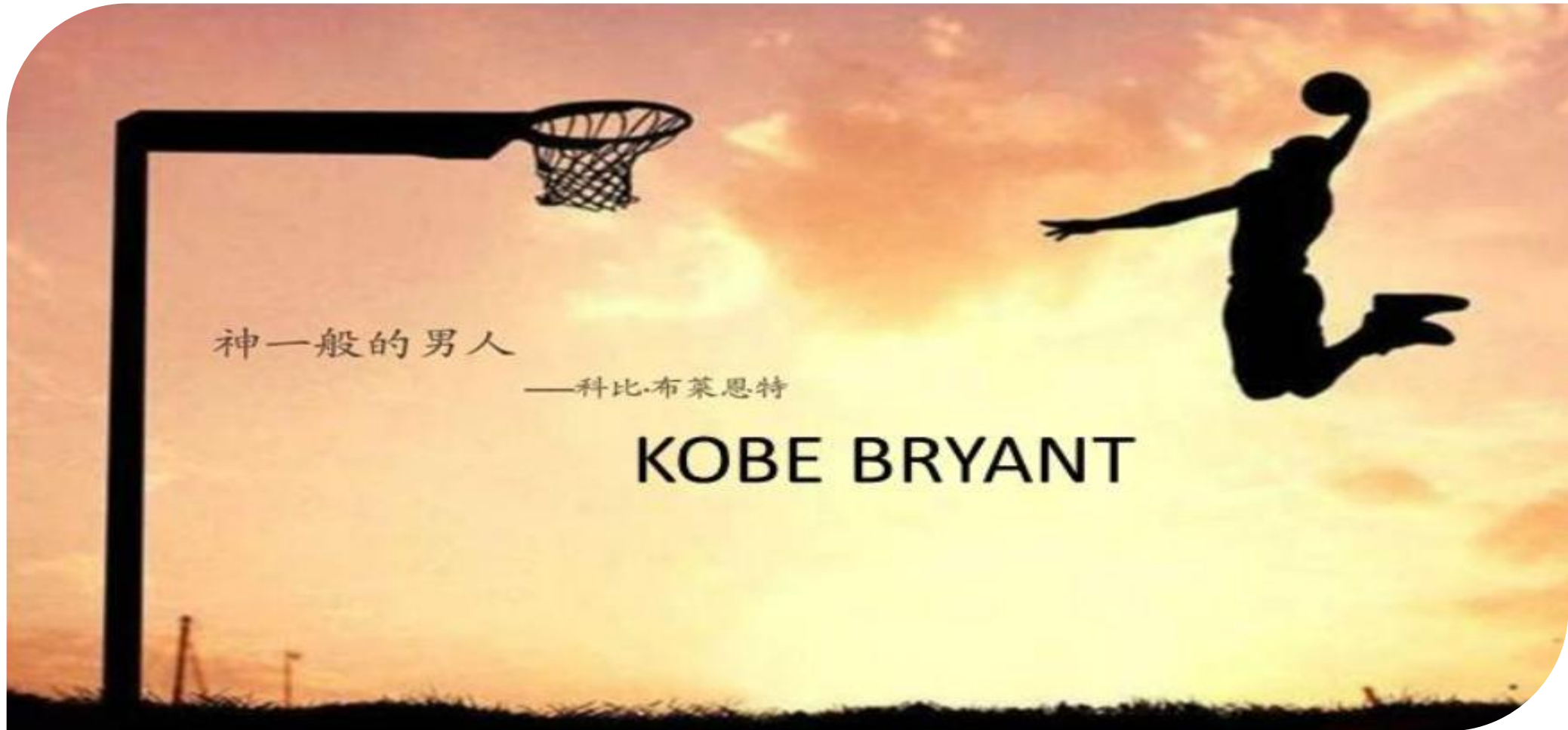
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A Biography of Kobe Bryant

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Para.1 Brief introduction



科比·布莱恩特是一名美国**职业**篮球运动员，绰号“**黑曼巴**”。他不仅**天赋异禀**，而且**毅力惊人**，天赋让他**早早崭露头角**，而毅力让他成为一代**传奇巨星**。

Kobe Bryant was an American **professional** basketball

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explanations of everything, in the present and the past.

Para.2 Birth and death

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

科比于1978年8月23日出生在宾夕法尼亚州费城。2020

年1月26日，科比在加利福尼亚州卡拉巴萨斯市发生的直升
机坠毁事故中遇难，Calabasas, California 年仅41岁。

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a **helicopter crash** at the age of 41.

Para.3 Life experiences & Marriage

科比是前NBA球员乔·布莱恩特的儿子。科比6岁的时候，全家搬到了意大利，直到1991年，才搬回了美国。在劳尔梅里恩高中毕业之后，17岁的他就直接进入了NBA。2001年，科比和瓦妮莎结婚，两人育有4个女儿。2016年，宣布退役。

When Asimov was **three**, he moved with his parents and his one-year-old sister to New York City. There his parents bought a candy store which they ran for the next 40 or so years. At the age of 17, he joined the NBA. It was when Asimov was eleven years old that his talent for writing became obvious.

He married his first wife in **1942** and had **a son and a daughter**. **11** and had four daughters. **In 2016, he announced his retirement from the NBA.**

Para.4 Achievements

在为湖人队效力的20年里，他曾获得5届NBA总冠军，18届NBA全明星，15届NBA最佳阵容，12届NBA最佳防守阵容，2008年NBA最有价值球员奖。||此外，他的“曼巴精神”在全世界都具有一定影响力。令人惊讶的是，2018年，他还获得奥斯卡最佳动画短片奖。

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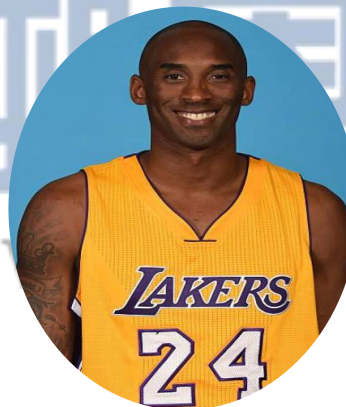
A biography of Kobe Bryant

Kobe Bryant was an American professional basketball player, whose nickname is Black Mamba. Kobe had both an extraordinary talent that enabled him to be an early bloomer and amazing perseverance with which he became a legendary superstar.

Kobe's life began in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was born on August 23rd, 1978. It ended in Calabasas, California on January 26, 2020, when he died as a result of a helicopter crash at the age of 41.

Kobe was the son of former NBA player Joe Bryant. When Kobe was six, he moved with his family to Italy and moved back to America in 1991. After graduating from Lower Merion High School, 17-year-old Kobe entered the NBA directly. He married Vanessa in 2001 and had four daughters. In 2016, he announced his retirement from the NBA.

During his entire 20-year career with the Los Angeles Lakers, Kobe won five NBA championships, was an 18-time All-Star, 15-time member of the All-NBA Team, 12-time member of the All-Defensive team and was the NBA's Most Valuable Player in 2008. Besides, his "Mamba Mentality" is influential around the world. Surprisingly, he won an Oscar for "Best Animated Short" in 2018.



Imitating Writing

- layout
- sentence structures
- phrases

你见过凌晨四点的洛杉矶吗？

“凌晨四点的洛杉矶，满天的繁星，灯光寥落，行人很少”。



Learn from those great persons!





Homework

1. Polish your writing.

2. Write a biography of your **idol** based on what you have learned today.



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