

# The Life of Manny Pacquiao

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Fame, the definition of this word is the condition of being known or talked about by many people, especially on account of notable achievements. The life to fame is not as simple as it would seem. Manny Pacquiao is who I am addressing in this paper. He has come from the lowest of the low to one of the highest most respected boxers. People should wonder what poverty would feel like, living in it day to day as a young child not having their parents or guardians being able to fully support their family.

Anyone can go on Facebook these days and see pictures of starving or abused children having the picture say, "Like this if you think this is sad and wrong", but do they know what it would feel like? We can see pictures like this every day without knowing what it is like to be in that position. Manny Pacquiao knows what the children in third world countries would feel like since he was born in the Philippines, which technically is a third world country.

This is about the life of Manny Pacquiao and his endurance to get to where he is today. From living in poverty to becoming a well-known boxer who has his own game show in the Philippines where he gives money away to people. What he had done throughout his life that could inspire a person in any income.

The genres that will be used in this paper will be a job description about what it is like being a boxer and what job he had before he became noticed. An obituary, even though Manny Pacquiao is not dead, it will describe the life out of fame to show how famous people actually are real people, surprising as it may be to someone. A journal entry will be talking about one of his fights with another boxer in the ring.

I chose Manny Pacquiao because I find his story inspiring. My mother was like him, in some ways. She was born into a low income family in the Philippines with six brothers and one sister, not including herself. Life had been tough but by being persistent and struggling over the years, she made her life work out to be more than it was.

Manny Pacquiao has been an aspiring figure to many people, even if they do not like him, they are able to respect him in ways. His story is what most people might not fully understand, like our own stories. No one knows a person truly is until actually finding out, which is what this paper is set out to do.

## Ten Pacquiao “Pacman” Pows

1. Professional boxer and politician- Manny Pacquiao is a professional Filipino boxer in America and is a politician in the Philippines.
2. Born December 17, 1978 in Kibawe, Bukidnon, Philippines- Would anyone have guessed that Pacquiao was a late seventies baby in a place called Kibawe?
3. Emmanuel Dapidran Pacquiao is Manny Pacquiao’s full name. - Manny Pacquiao is not really his real name. It’s more of a nickname since Emmanuel Dapidran Pacquiao is a little too long.
4. Lived on the Streets for a while when he was younger. - When he was of the age of fourteen, Pacquiao had to live on the streets of Manila.
5. Was born into poverty. - Most people in the Philippines are poor, and Pacquiao’s mother had a hard time supporting six children by herself.
6. Won ten world titles. - After being the first eight-division world champion, he won ten world titles.
7. Devout Roman Catholic. - He has always believed in his religion and prays before ever match/fight that he goes into.
8. Parents separated when he was six. - Pacquiao’s father had cheated on his mother with another woman.
9. The fourth among six other siblings. - Many of his siblings had to help out with supporting each other when they were younger since they had no money.
10. Ranked as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Reserve Force of the Philippine Army. - He first entered the Army’s reserve force on April 27, 2006 as a Sergeant.



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Manny Pacquiao could not have gotten to where he is without the will-power that he had. Not many people could have truly guessed that he was a religious man, a politician in the Philippines, born into poverty, and ranked as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Reserve force of the Philippines. The list provides facts about what has gone through Manny Pacquiao’s life, and how his story and his life has gone through many different trials and accomplishments shaping him into the boxer, father, husband, politician, and person he is today.

A professional boxer, politician, and other things, this man has gone through some rough times. Poverty was the beginning of his life but fame and fortune is his life now. Claimed by various associations, Manny Pacquiao had been named “Fighter of the Decade”. The loss of his close friend, a boxer, had pursued him into being a professional boxer which let him accomplish being named that title. Being the fourth amongst six children in his family and his mother was not able to support them fully leading Pacquiao to living on the streets of Manila. You’ll never believe what a person has been through till you find the story.

## “A Night Together”

This night I am with my family. It is before a big boxing match.

I love my family, my daughters, sons, and my wife. Looking at them warms my heart. I know they support me. I'm gone so many times.

Tonight is about us.

Spending this night with them is such a joy. The boys and girls have grown. I am proud.

My wife, our children, we are together right now. In the living room we sit. We share our laughter. It is not about thinking of the fight, it is about the love we will share.

The boys play together. The girls play together. I watch them enjoy.

We are all together.

It is getting late and I have to leave

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Each child goes to bed. I tell them goodnight.

I have faith and he will be safe.

This night daddy is here before he goes to fight.

Tonight is about us.

Daddy is here. We love him. We support him. We wish him luck. He will do well. We will pray for his safety.

He smiles, we smile. He cries, we cry. He laughs, we laugh. He is not always gone, he is here. We miss him, but we know that he tries.

We are all together.

We are tired.

He will get ready. We will see him on the T.V. tomorrow. We will pray. He will do well.

We have faith and he will be safe.

# Pacquiao

## What It Feels Like

Tranquil in a room before something big.

Pumped up in a way only I could describe.

Ready to show them all that I've got. Gloves strapped on. Circle up. Walk out of the room.

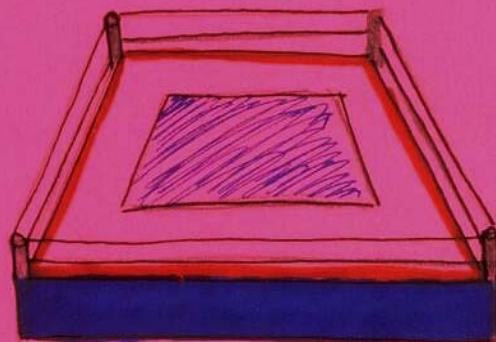
**People surround in the hall. Enter the arena**

The volume goes up. Bright lights on the ceiling. Heart is racing. Hear the crowd

screaming. Announcing my name. Showing the fame. Humble. Respect. Pray. Waiting for

**it to start. Bell rings. What happens, happens.**

Ready. **Begin.**



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## OTHER INFORMATION

\*Trained by Freddie Roach, 50 wins  
3 losses 2 draws, married to Jinkee  
Pacquiao, three children, born in  
Philippines.

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# **Pacquiaomon Theme Song**

(A Remix Style Based Off Pokemon)

I wanna be the very best  
Like no one ever was

To win is my real test  
To beat them is my cause

I will travel across the circuit  
Searching far and wide

Each boxing match to understand  
The power that's inside

Opponent, it's you and me  
I know it's my destiny

Opponent, oh, you're going to get creamed  
My title I must defend

Opponent, all twelve rounds  
My courage will pull me through

You punch me and I'll punch you  
Opponent, gotta beat 'em all

Every challenge along the way  
With courage I will face

I will train every day  
To claim my rightful place

Come with me, the time is right  
There's no better fight

Face to face we'll see who's won  
World Championship has come.



(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKiV3-ntrJA>)

# “Pacman” Cookie

## Ingredients

½ cup training	1 cup time
½ cup politics	Pair of boxing gloves
3 cups Filipino	1 ½ tsp. religion
1 cup persistence	Pinch of humble
2 tbs. awesome	Dash of understanding (optional)

## Instructions

Preheat competition by announcing the competitors and wait till the bell rings. This will get the crowd to roar. First, take the half cup of training and half cup of politics. Mix by whisking them together to get a smooth even texture, set aside. In a large bowl, bring in and sift the Filipino, persistence, and awesome, making sure that all the ingredients are mixed together properly. Next, carefully add time whisking it with pep talk for about ten minutes while hearing the crowd scream the name Pacquiao (do not worry about the competitor or the crowd just yet or the recipe might become distracted and not self-confident in itself). After time is finished, put the pair of boxing gloves in the mixture, about five minutes, then bring into the arena. Place in the boxing ring and add the religion by praying. Start the match, this will take about twelve rounds or until a knock out occurs. Take out the cookie while adding a pinch of humble on the top. Let it stand in the boxing ring for five to seven minutes and add a dash of understanding (optional).



## **Biography of Manny Pacquiao**

Emmanuel Dapidran Pacquiao was born on December 17, 1978 in Kibawe, Bukidnon, Philippines. In the childhood of Manny Pacquiao, his parents had separated when he was in sixth grade, when his mother had found out that her husband, his father, had found another woman. Living in a poor family had encouraged him to become something greater than he was. With six siblings in his family, it was hard for his mother to support her children, so many of them had to work, including Pacquiao. Education is hard to get in the Philippines when one lives in poverty. That was the reason Manny had to drop out of high school. At the age of fourteen years old, he had left his mother's place and had started his boxing career in Manila Philippines, the place where he had lived on the streets. By sixteen years old, he started his professional boxing career.

Since sixteen years old, Manny Pacquiao has been in many different boxing matches. He has been in featherweight, super featherweight, lightweight, light welterweight, and light middleweight divisions. In January 22, 1995, Manny Pacquiao was against Edmund "Enting" Ignacio where Manny got his first professional debut and quite quickly became an instant celebrity, or star, when he had won the fight. Still on the earlier years, since he was underweight, using heavier gloves to increase his weight was something he had to do, which put him at a disadvantage.

There was a military career in Manny Pacquiao's life. In April 27, 2006, the devout Roman Catholic, Manny Pacquiao, had joined in the Reserve Force of the Philippine Army and was a Sergeant. December 1, 2006, he became Technical Sergeant. Then on October 7, 2007, by becoming the highest rank in the enlisted personnel, he became a Master Sergeant. Still not over, on May 4, 2009, the special rank of Senior Master Sergeant was bestowed on him and was also the Command Sergeant Major of the 15<sup>th</sup> Ready Reserve Division.

Maria Geraldine Jamora, also known as Jinkee or Pacquiao's wife, and Manny Pacquiao have a life together in General Santos City, South Cotabato, Philippines, with their four children Emmanuel Jr. "Jimuel", Michael, Princess, and Queen Elizabeth "Queenie". Though he lives in General Santos City, by being a congressman of lone district of Sarangani, he actually stays in Kiamba, Sarangani, which is the hometown of his wife.

Even though he did not pass high school, he later took a high school equivalency exam in February 2007 which made him eligible for a college education. After passing that test and being awarded with a high school diploma by the Department of Education, Pacquiao had enrolled in college for a degree in business management at Notre Dame of Dadiangas. The Honorary Degree of Doctor Humanities was given to him in February 18, 2009, in recognition of his boxing achievements and humanitarian work.

Today, Manny Pacquiao is still married to his wife Jinkee with their four children. He is a congressman in the Philippines, still a professional boxer, and has his own game show called, Manny Many Prizes.

## Notes

**Crot:** The reason I had chosen this genre was because it shows how a boxer might feel before they start their fight in the boxing ring. This adds feeling to the paper to making them be a voice and adding an effect. A crot has fragments of words or sentences bunched up into somewhat of a paragraph to create an effect of abruptness and rapid transitions to a story.

**List Article:** I chose the list articles since it gives a reflection, or basic history about Manny Pacquiao's life. This genre lets the reader learn more about him and what he has accomplished giving the reader an understanding. A list article is numbered off events that have occurred in a person's or things life; its purpose is to explain something with different events.

**Double Voice Poem:** This type of genre I chose because it gave a different outlook on Manny Pacquiao's life aside from boxing. As I said, this adds a different outlook on Pacquiao's life aside from boxing. It is about how he feels towards his family, mainly his children in this poem, and how the children feel about him. A double voice poem is a poem that is written in two columns with two different perspectives that are explored as in a dialogue.

**Cereal:** The reason I had chosen to do a cereal box was because there were a lot of opportunities to mix around the information. It adds by giving a funny look while giving the life of Pacquiao. This reflects most of the important events or things that are in his life.

**Song Lyrics:** The song lyrics made it sound like a fun little tune with the background music, if you looked at the link. This genre gives a bouncy feeling, I think, and it adds how one of his fights might happen. The lyrics were taken from the theme song of Pokemon, but manipulated into a Pacquiao feeling.

**Biography:** I chose to do a biography of Manny Pacquiao because of what I wanted the reader to know. The genre adds to the project because it is a final piece or reflection of his life as a whole. The biography is to tell more about his life just in case the reader did not get enough understanding or information.

**Recipe:** A recipe is a bunch of ingredients, which is why I wanted to make one of the person I'm writing about because I can add the things that make them who they are. By having a recipe it adds a view of what could go into one person that makes them, them. The genre even lets one think of what they could be made of. This genre is just like a regular recipe, like when cooking. It gives instructions of how to create that object.

## **Reflection**

1. This paper was not as hard to write as it would have seemed since it was a research paper. The process of writing this paper went quickly but it was not that hard to catch up with. It was surprising how quickly the due date came along and how many genres are in this paper in the amount of time that the paper was assigned.
2. What was difficult about writing this paper, for me personally, was that I had missed a lot of days from competitions, so when we learned about new genres we could do, I did not know how to do them since I wasn't there. Another difficult thing was finding a genre and figuring out what to writing in it. Fiding a genre isn't that hard, but figuring out what you can actually do with it is since there are so many possibilities.
3. What I could have done to make my work more efficient and/or productive was that if I was there more often than I was. This is not a difficult project. I think I should have researched a little more than what I had researched to make some of the genres more informative and exciting by introducing something new.
4. Something that I had learned about my topic is that he has accomplished way more than I thought he had accomplished in his life. I learned in more detail about their life and the hardships that they had been through. In the process in creating this multi-genre paper, I really got to see how I viewed my topic and what I came to the end of truly thinking of them.
5. My advice to future students who would be doing a multi-genre paper/project would be to actually show up to as many days as possible so that understanding each of the different genres that can be used in the paper/project will make more sense. Whatever a teacher gives for a requirement on something, like research, do more research than they ask because in the end it will be easy to write the paper. Also choose a topic you at least know a little bit about, unless you want to challenge yourself.
6. This is a fun paper to write to inform people about something in a different way than just a regular research paper since it has so many different things to look at. Don't view this paper as just another research paper, actually try to learn something while having fun from how you could knowledge other people. Try and do the work making it an interesting paper to read.

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